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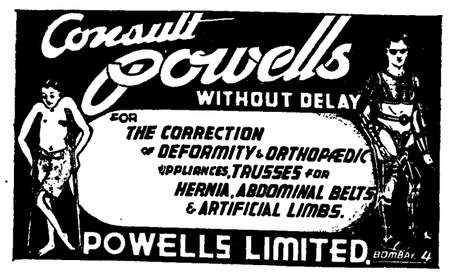

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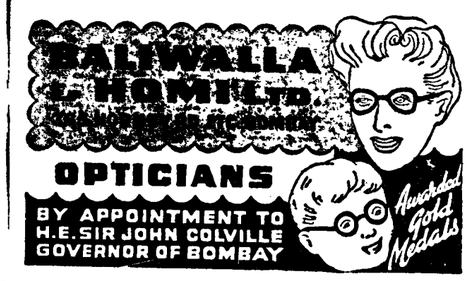

HENRY WALLACE HITS BACK AT ACCUSERS

What World Needs Is A New Deal

CALL FOR NEW TECHNIQUE TO BUILD ONE WORLD

To Charge Me With Treason Is To Believe World Is At War

LONDON, April 13. (Reuter): Mr. Henry Wallace, former Vice-President of the United States, called for a "New Deal For The World" when he broadcast to the British people tonight.

"The whole world needs a new deal and there will be no peace till it has one," he said.

LUDICROUS AND TRAGIC

"When I became Secretary of Agriculture (in 1933), abundance of great livestock and grain-producing areas of the United States was being wasted because the people who needed food had not the money to pay for it", he said.

"It seemed to me that this ludicrous and tragic situation was the world's root trouble. Here were industrial workers of America out of work because people, who grew food—including hundreds of millions of peasants in China and India, the Middle East and South America—lived in abysmal poverty, needed all the things we were able to make but could not pay for them."

ROOT CAUSE OF WAR

Mr. Wallace said that during the war America's vast industrial potential had enabled her not only to wage the war and assist the Allies, but also actually to increase the standard of living and consuming power of the citizens of America.

"When you realise this, you understand what the late President Roosevelt meant by the four freedoms," he said. "America is the home of political liberty and we have tamed a continent by free enterprise. But it was freedom from want which made the Roosevelt message a clarion call to the world; freedom from fear, of course, too.

"But does not war arise more from want and economic maladjustment than from any other cause? Is not the common man's security the first and foremost assurance of next week's bread and butter? And does not one world, in which alone there can be security for anyone, demand that men and nations share goods and services which we all need and which modern science enables us to produce?

PLOUGHS AND TOOLS, NOT GUNS

Mr. Wallace continued: "I have said enough to show why I think that the death of Roosevelt was a disaster and why I left the Government of the United States. For today it is only too clear that we are drifting towards two worlds and that the immense power and wealth of America is being used for strategic and military purposes rather than to raise the standard of living in countries which could become great markets for American exports.

"By helping these countries with ploughs and tools rather than guns, we can blunt the edge of American depression, greatly enlarge world trade and produce eventually that degree of prosperity which will make communism in the western world improbable instead of inevitable.

"A national awakening has occurred in Asia and in other parts of the world which we used to think of only as colonies. This new nationalism will turn to communism and look to the Soviet Union as their Ally if the United States declares that this is the American century of power politics rather than the century of the common man.

THOSE SILLY AMERICANS

Mr. Wallace said: "You will tell me that Soviet Russia is expansionist as Britain was expansionist in the past and America is expansionist in the Pacific and elsewhere today. I do not deny it. But I say that it is the task of the countries which have the atom bomb, and which have not, like Rusia, been devastated by war and boycotted in peace, to try a new type of power politice. The one kind of power politics which will work in the modern world is to use power to create world prosperity and increase abundance.

"I pay no attention to those silly Americans who say that Britain is finished. And I pay even less attention to certain wealthy English people, your worst ambassadors in America, who spread the story in the United States of red ruin and catastrope in Britain because they dislike having a Labour Government, dislike paying a high taxation and eating the same rations as the other people.

"When I am told that the British Empire is falling to pieces. I say that insofar as it was domination

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NO SURRENDER TO 'BLACKMAIL'

South African Indians To Continue Passive Resistance

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA, April 13 (U.P.I.): Five more passive resisters were sentenced yesterday to thirty days hard labour in the fight against the anti-Indian laws making the total number of sentenced up to date 1,690.

The economic boycott and blackmail has failed to damp the morale of the people and the struggle continues, despite the appeal by the Transvaal Indian Congress to the Prime Minister General Smuts, and the Minister for Justice to condemn the boycott against the Indian traders and institute legal action against the ring leaders, nothing has been done.

In this connection, a United Party member of Parliament, Mr. J. R. Stratford, stated in an interview today: "The boycott is primarily a reprisal for the action of the Indian Government breaking the trade relations resulting in considerable hardship and loss to a large number in the Union. My hope is that the outcome will be the withdrawal of sanctions by the India Government which would be followed by an immediate cessation of the boycott, thus leaving the field clear for discussion."

The above statement is considered by the Indians here as clearly illustrating the mentality responsible for, and reasons behind the organisers of the boycott. Instead of implementing the U.N.O. decision, the South African whites, they say, hope by such blackmails to compel the Union Indians' submission to the oppressive laws and withdrawal of India's sanction.

700,000 MEN DOWN TOOLS TO-DAY!

Sequel To Closure Of Ordnance Factories

NEW DELHI, April 13 (U.P.I.): Nearly 7,00,000 employees throughout India will go on strike from tomorrow, it is stated, as a protest against the refusal by the authorities to concede their demands. In Delhi about 10,000 workers will be affected.

The workers' demands include guaranteed employment, stoppage of victimisation and reinstatement of victimised workers and adequate increase in wages and dearness allowance.

Out of 36 ordnance factories in India, 21 may be closed down from tomorrow involving nearly 7,00,000 of workers.

Mahatma Arrives At Patna

PATNA, April 13 (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi arrived here this evening by the Howrah Express. His train was late by two hours.

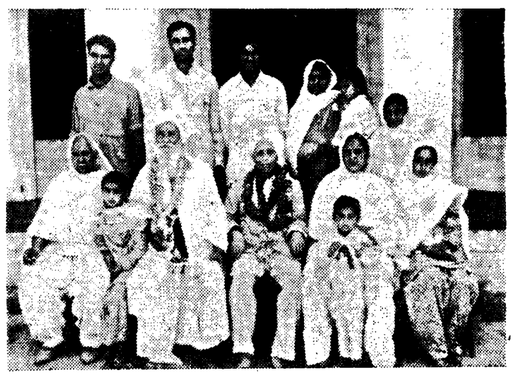
Mahatma Gandhi travelled in a third class compartment. He was received at the station by his Patna host Dr. Syed Mahmud, Minister of Development, Bihar.

Rs. 6,310 Collective Fines In City

BOMBAY, Sunday.

The Director of Publicity, Bombay, in the course of a Press Note announces that collective fines aggregating Rs. 6,310 have been imposed by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay on various localities in the city in connection with the recent disturbances.

The various buildings and tenements on which the fines have been imposed, belong to the following localities; First Nishanpada Road, Dongri, Manaji Road, Kamathipura (Nagpada), Rivon Road (Nagpada), and Janikar Street, Pydhonie.



Sardar Ajit Singh the wellknown Punjab Revolutionary patriot who has returned to India after 40 years of absence abroad was given a warm reception by the citizens of Lahore. In the picture, he is seen with his elder brother S. Kishan Singh (sitting on his right) father of late S Bhagat Singh, his young nephews and their sisters.

NON-VIOLENCE ALONE CAN SOLVE INDIA'S PROBLEMS

BOMBAY, Sunday.

"Let us rise to a glorious occasion and show to the war-torn world that we are capable of maintaining our hard-worn freedom through non-violence. Sooner or later humanity shall have to listen to the voice of India, or else perish in the flames of hatred that surround her."

In these stirring words Babu Rajendra Prasad, Food Member, Interim Government of India, pleaded for non-violence as the only and effective weapon for the solution of India's problems, at a mass meeting convened under the auspices of the B.P.C.C. at Chaupatty this evening. Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Minister, Interim Government of India, who was present on the occasion also addressed the meeting. Mr. S. K. Patil, president of the B.P.C.C. presided.

Both the Members of the Interim Government were garlanded by representatives of over sixty public organisations of the city.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, said at the outset that they were passing through critical times. Uncertainty hung in the air and no one could foretell what was in store for them in the near future. War had shaken the world to its very foundation, leaving behind trails of devastating repurcussions. In India it had given a blow to some of their cherished principles of life, and had left them wavering. Their present plight was indeed pitiable, but given strength and determination there was no reason for them to despair.

MUDDLED THINKING

Tracing the recent political developments Rajen Babu said that the present unfortunate situation in the country was due to the uncertainty in the minds of all as to who would share the political power after June 1948. It was this uncertainty that had widened the gulf between the two major communities of the country.

Another reason of the deteriorated political situation, said Dr. Prasad, was the muddled thinking on the part of the people, and the interpretation put on Congress intentions and designs. Congress, he said, had done no injustice to any community. It stood for India as a whole, and looked on all equally and impartially. It had nothing on its record to suggest that it would misuse its power against any particular community.

After the British declaration to transfer power by June 1948 to Indian hands, their responsibility had increased enormously. It was upto them now to show to the world that they were worthy of that responsibility. The time had come. It was for them to prove their capacity to rule their own country. If they failed, the fault would be theirs and theirs alone.

ADHERE TO NON-VIOLENCE

Pleading for non-violence, Dr. Prasad said that the world was tired of violence. The mass slaughter on an organised basis and done no good to anybody. "A rigid adherence to the Gandhian principle of non-violence can alone save us from further disaster and help us in the solution of our difficult post-war problems. Atom bomb cannot take us further; only the spirit of love can guide us through the dark clouds that overhang us," he concluded.

In the earlier part of his speech Rajen Babu had said that the only solution to the present country-wide shortage of food was production and more and more production. He appealed to the people to co-operate with the Government in augmenting the food production of the country.

CALL FOR SPIRIT OF DETERMINATION

Mr. Jagjivan Ram said that the spirit of determination which had achieved them their independence after tremendous sacrifices, trials and tribulations, would alone help them again in solving the knotty problems that confronted them at present.

Referring to the problem of Indian labour and capitalist, Mr. Jagjivan confessed that the condition of the Indian workers was extremely bad. He appealed to the employers to do everything humanly possible to satisfy their employees. At the same time the Labour Member warned the workers against the disastrous consequences of uncalled for strikes. "The strike is the last weapon for the workers to resort to," he concluded.

KING CHRISTIAN'S CONDITION SERIOUS

Strength Dwindling

COPENHAGEN, April 13. (A.P.A.): One of the physicians of King Christian of Denmark told the Associated Press of America to-day just after examining the King that His Majesty's temperature, which was 39.1 degrees Centigrade (100.6 deg. F.) this morning, had "risen somewhat" and that the King's strength was "dwindling."

An official bulletin issued at 3-30 p.m. (I.S.T.) said: "In addition to a heart ailment which began a week ago, moderate inflammation of the lungs broke out because of weakening of the circulation. The lung inflammation is somewhat better through treatment with penicillin and digitalis. The inflammation has not, however, completely disappeared."

The King's physician, Dr. V. A. Fenger, spent the whole night at the King's bedside.

Time For Decision Has Come

Satyagraha In Nepal

Movement For Civil Liberties

CALCUTTA, April 13. (A.P.I.): A representative meeting of Nepalis of Nepal and India, held on April 10 at Jagbani under the auspices of the Nepal National Congress, has unanimously decided to start a Nepal-wide Satyagraha movement from to-day with a view to achieving civil liberties and release of political prisoners, says the President of the Calcutta Branch of the Nepal National Congress, Mr. D. N. Prodhan, in a statement. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia was present on special invitation.

A resolution adopted at the meeting declared that this Satyagraha would be completely non-violent and only Nepalese would participate in it. Messrs. Rajendra Prasad Nepal, Kamal Kumar Thapa, Tirtha Prasad Adhikari and Neopani would be the first batch of volunteers to offer Satyagraha on April 13.

"The aim of the Nepali National Congress", the resolution continued, "is to acknowledge His Majesty the King of Nepal as the constitutional head of the State and establish responsible Government. Our launching of this Satyagraha does not mean any disrespect to His Majesty. The object of this Satyagraha is the achievement of civil liberties at present and not Responsible Government".

FIRST STEP TO PEACE IN PUNJAB

Congress And Panthic Party Leaders Support Partition Plan

LAHORE, April 13. (A.P.A.): Lala Bhimsen Sachar and Sardar Swaran Singh, leaders of the Punjab Assembly Congress party and Panthic Party respectively, pledged their support yesterday for the proposal to partition the Punjab, and the immediate setting up of two ministries in the province as a first step in that direction.

In a joint statement issued last evening, the leaders declared that the "Non-League section of the Punjab populace, particularly the minority, have no confidence in the Muslim League and are not prepared to accept communal domination in any shape or form."

The statement added that the only way to end the present stalemate to restore confidence in the minority and divide the province in such a way as to make the maximum number of non-League section of the population feel secure. This, the statement said, was the way to save the province from further devastation and destruction.

STERLING BALANCES CONFERENCE IN LONDON NEXT MONTH

Liaquat Ali Khan To Lead Indian Delegation Which May Include Reserve Bank Governor And Dr. Matthai

NEW DELHI, April 13 (A.P.I.): Final negotiations regarding the settlement of India's sterling balances are expected to take place in London in the latter half of May, though no definite date has yet been fixed for the opening of the talks between the Government of India and the British Treasury.

It is learnt in this connection that while the Indian Government would have preferred to finalise matters in New Delhi, the Chancellor of the British Exchequer, Dr. Hugh Dalton, who is likely to lead the British delegation, intimated to the Government of India that he would find it almost impossible to be away from London for the fairly long time required for such important financial negotiations. In view of this and the fact that the machinery for the liquidation of the Sterling Balances will have to be the treasury the Government of India have agreed to go to London.

While the general lines of an agreement were reached in the negotiations in New Delhi earlier this year, the London talks will be concerned with the rate of release of the balances till 1950, the rate of interest on the amount that will be blocked, and arrangements for the release of amounts from the blocked balances for the amortisation of pensions and the purchase of British investments as and when the Government of India decide that this is called for. At present, it is understood, that owing to inflated rates and the lack of statistics regarding British investments in India, this is not an immediate issue. However, the Government of India, are shortly expected to finalise measures for obtaining the necessary data.

It is also learnt, as has on several occasions been stated by the Government of India, that they will not consider any counter-claims regarding war expenditure by H.M.G. or any proposals for scaling down of the balances.

With a settlement of India's sterling Balances which constitute the major part of India's foreign exchange resources in the offing, the Government of India is expected to tighten import control and undertake regulations for the conservation of foreign exchange so vital to the feeding and industrial development of the country. Financial circles point out that every country has taken such measures based on the industrial and commercial needs of the country. They also state that immediate action is called for as luxury and unnecessary consumer goods are flooding the markets of the country at an alarming rate.

India's team for the negotiations will probably be the same as the one that participated in the Delhi talks with the addition of the Governor of the Reserve Bank and Dr. John Matthai if he can be spared. The leader will be Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Finance Minister. The talks are expected to last at least three to four weeks and detailed arrangements may take even longer.

JAWAHAR'S CALL FOR ROUND TABLE TALKS

Deplores League Indifference To Congress Invitation

NEW DELHI, April 13. (A.P.Ii): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing a largely attended Jallianwallah Bagh Day meeting in New Delhi this evening said: "Time has now come when we should decide one way or the other. The urgency of the time requires that responsible persons of various political parties should sit round a table and make a final decision".

CONGRESS INVITATION

He said that about forty days ago the Congress Working Committee invited the Muslim League to have discussions with them he regretted that there was no response and so far there had been no meeting. This was very strange. He did not know whether any meeting would take place at all. The Congress did not want that the Viceroy who had been holding discussions in New Delhi for the last three weeks, should settle their differences. It is Indians, he said, who should decide their future.

"The Muslim League's conception of Pakistan", Pandit Nehru said, "can only be settled through mutual discussion or a fight. There is no other way.

"I want", Pandit Nehru added, "that India which will soon be free should get an opportunity to become a strong and a powerful country and march forward. I desire that I should get an opportunity to build a New India of my conception. I want that those who stand as an obstacle in our way should go their own way. I wish that at least eighty or ninety per cent of India should move forward according to the map of India which I have in my mind.

"We want that in future India all Indians should get perfect freedom. There could not be the rule of any religious community. There could be neither Hindu Raj or Muslim Raj there could be only the rule of Indians. The days of religious rule ended long ago".

Referring to the Jallianwallah Bagh Day, Pandit Nehru said: "It is a historic event. From this day onward a new spirit pervaded the country and a big political movement started. That movement is now about to be over. We are now getting ready for the future. The rule of the British is about to end. It is the march of events which have compelled the British to quit this country and it is good that they have fixed the date."

COMMUNAL TROUBLES.

"Referring to the communal troubles in the country. Pandit Nehru said: "We have had riots in India in the past, but they were not so big as to-day. Communal troubles have taken a new turn from August 1946 onwards. Ever since people knew that India was fast changing, the troubles started in the country. This was probably due to the fact that some parties wanted to put political pressure and partly they did not want the British to go away.

Pandit Nehru said: "The goal of the Muslim League is Pakistan. Some people favour it and others are against it. How can this problem be solved? It can either be done through mutual agreement or by fight. There is no other course. The Congress wants to see India free. The Pakistan demand of the Muslim League is a negative demand. We have been asking them for the definition of Pakistan. They have never done it. Difficulties are bound to arise if things are not made clear."

"OUR MISFORTUNE."

Pandit Nehru proceedings said: "We have to make India a most powerful nation in the world so that the forty crores inhabitants of this country should make progress in all spheres of life. It is not enough if we send the British away. We have to unite and march forward as one nation. We have to take responsibility for the future. It is our misfortune that some sections of the people do not want to march together with us. We cannot compel them.

During the last 28 years of our struggle against British Imperialism we have fought many battles and made many sacrifices, but our technique was quite different from what had been seen during the last seven or eight months. We are getting a bad name in India and outside due to our internecine warfare. No political aim can be achieved by coercion and intimidation.

INTER-ASIAN CONFERENCE

Referring to the Inter-Asian Conference Pandit Nehru said: "It is a great achievement for India that though herself not yet a free country and passing through internal conflict, she was leading the free nations of Asia. From this you can well imagine the importance of a free and powerful India in the future world set up. If you cannot see India through your own eyes, you can do so through the eyes of the outside countries. Probably in tomorrow's papers you will read that we have exchanged diplomatic relations with another big country. We are going to have diplomatic relations with almost all the Asiatic and European countries. In spite of the internal trouble and other difficulties, India is going ahead. And but for the seven or eight months of trouble, she would have been one of the most powerful countries in the world today."

TIME FOR DECISION

"Time has now come", Pandit Nehru said, to decide whether we want to unite India or divide India. This question must be decided immediately. We do not want to compel any province or portion of the country to join Pakistan or Hindustan. Sind has declared that it will become independent in June 1948, after the British leave India. Sind League leaders do not realize that it is a loss to that province if she does not want to have anything to do with the rest of India. Similar is the case with Bengal. It is a province which has suffered most. If parts of Punjab and Bengal want to separate, no one can compel them the other way."

Pandit Nehru spoke for 90 minutes. It was one of the longest speeches made by him during the last few months.

Earlier Pandit Nehru was presented with a purse of Rs. 2,526 on behalf of the Babar Road Colony for the relief of Punjab sufferers.

The meeting was also addressed by Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali, and Mr. Shankara, Presidents of the Delhi and New Delhi Congress Committees respectively. Among those present were Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Lala Deshbandhu Gupta and Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

NO MAJOR DECISIONS

Big Four May Break Up Without Any Achievement

LONDON, April 13. (U. P. A.): The diplomatic correspondent of the "Sunday Times" said today that even the Foreign Ministers in Moscow expect that the Big Four Conference "will break up in the next few days without achieving any major decision."

The "Sunday Times" said there was still a possibility of dramatic last-minute developments but the general belief is that none will come and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin has already canvassed the possibility of the next Big Four meeting being held in London.

The correspondent said there was also speculation that Secretary of State George Marshall will seek a meeting with Generalissimo Stalin and "there is surprise that steps have not been taken earlier to bring about this meeting which might have vital influence on the future developments of international relations generally."

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No More Dependence On Foreign Ships

Rajen Babu Advises Indian Industrialists To Have Their Own Shipping To Ensure Progress In Export And Import Trade

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Babu Rajendra Prasad,, Member for Food and Agriculture in the Govenment of India this afternoon hoisted a national tricolous flag on the s.s. 'Jagdamba' belonging to Messrs. Shoorji Vallabhdas and Company, Managing agents and the Directors of the Malabar Steamship Company Limited at Ballard Pier.

Speaking on the occasion, Babu Rajendra Prasad said that India was a vast country having a sea-coast of nearly 4,000 miles from Bengal to Sind, but it was unfortunate that the Indians had —no ships of their own. They had, all these days, to depend on foreign ships for export and import trade, but now the time had changed and Indian industrialists were getting the opportunity to have their own ships for trade. They had already made a great contribution in that direction, and he had the pleasure of hoisting the Indian National flag on the S.S. 'Jagdamba' which belonged to an Indian Company.

Continuing, Babu Rajendra Prasad said that the country to-day was facing an acute food shortage, and vast import of foodstuff was being made from other countries with the help of ships belonging to foreign companies. They had to depend on them. Had the Indian shipping been able to deal with that import, this country would have saved a lot of expenditure.

India, Babu Rajendra Prasad added, should make great and fast progress in shipping, and if that was done the country would not have to depend on foreign shipping companies. There was no doubt, he said, that the days were fast approaching, and progress would be made rapidly.

SHETH SOORJI VALLABHDAS'S SPEECH

Sheth Soorji Vallabhdas then addressed the gathering as under:—

Revered Rajen Babu, my esteemed guests and friends,

This is a hallowed day in our humble life. Last time when illness prevented your visit to our city we were disappointed. But we are thankful to God that you were quickly restored to health and with your characteristic generosity you have accepted our renewed invitation. We, the Directors of the Malabar Steamship Co., Ltd., and the New Dholera Steamships Ltd., consider it a great privilege to have an opportunity to welcome you to-day in Bombay this first time after your taking charge of your duties as Food Member of the Interim National Government.

The whole country is grateful to you, Sir, for your able handling of the still uneasy Food position in India but we are all confident that under your watchful direction no crisis will be allowed to develop and aggravate the sufferings of our people. The problem of Food Supply is in a large measure a problem of transport and humble as our Companies are we have pleasure to bring to your notice that our small vessels with their limited capacity have done what they could to move food supplies from one part of the country to another. It is, therefore, a singular honour to us to have you here to hoist the National tricolour on our newly purchased Ship "Jagdamba".

We had originally decided that 'Jaybrahma' our New Dholera Ship—a steamer of over 8000 tons should have this honour but owing to the sudden cancellation of your visit on the last occasion, the ship had to leave on her voyage. The distinction has come to this 'Jagdamba' of the Malabar Steamship Co., Ltd.,—a steamer recently added to the fleet, the baby of the family. Once again, Sir, permit me to say that we consider this a great and proud day for our Company and for our ships that our great and revered National Leader Rajendra Babu has done us the signal honour of accepting an invitation to hoist the National Flag on our ship 'Jagdamba'.

"FIRST TO CARRY WEAPONS OF DEFENCE"

It is not in any manner a boast but we may be permitted to bring it to your notice that our New Dholera Ships flying the National Flag were among the first to carry the weapons of defence viz., arms and ammunition to our gallant neighbours the Chinese Government in the early years of the Sino-Japanese War. Two of our ships came to be captured by the Japanese on the coast of China while carrying precious cargo to our Chinese friends. It was the National Flag that inspired us to render these little services to our great allies during the war and it is the same spirit that inspires us to serve India and her trade in times of peace.

We have no desire to weary you with any long recital of our Company's work, our little ships or our troubles. We may, however make bold to claim that ours is an enterprise moved and motivated by the Flag it flies—the spirit of endeavour, work, service and sacrifice. Tiny as our fleet to-day is, we intend to enlarge it, making further additions according to our capacity and the trade needs of the country. We are anxious that our ships should contribute their share in re-establishing the old prestige of this country, not only on the coast of India but also on the highways in the oceans far and wide.

The position of Indian shipping is nowhere so well described as in the report of the Reconstruction Policy Sub-Committee on shipping recently submitted to the Government. The Committee says:—

"Its history has been, for the National Shipping Companies, a sad story of ceaseless struggle and sacrifice; for the people of the land it is a painful chapter of bitter disappointment at the lack of response from the Government of India to their demand for stability and expansion; and for the Government of India it is a tragic tale of broken promises, unredeemed assurances and neglected opportunities."

This Committee has recommended that the entire coastal trade of India, should be immediately reserved for Indian Shipping: 75 per cent. of our associated coastal trades, namely trade with Burma and Ceylon should be secured for Indian Shipping! In regard to distant trades 50 per cent should be the target for Indian Shipping in the next 5 to 7 years. India's trade with this group of countries in the year 1948-49 has been estimated to be 9.3 millions tons, and half of it would be about 4.7 millions. India should also secure for her national shipping a due share in the trades formerly carried in the Axis vessels in the orient, of which they have been dispossessed".

A tremendous responsibility has thus been thrown on Indian enterprise to fulfil India's national requirements. The need is for Indian Ships, more Indian ships and still more Indian ships. Two million tons of shipping is the target fixed by the Committee and it is for the Government of India to give every facility to the Industry to reach the target in the shortest time.

Against the monopoly grip of British Shipping Companies who had made India's coastal carrying trade their own, the pioneers of Indian Shipping had to put up a heroic struggle. It is because of the persistent fight put up by Captains like Seth Narottam and Seth Walchand that the Indian people are in a position to talk of an Indian Mercantile Marine. The Scindia Steam Navigation Company, by its enterprise and skill brought the powerful wind of public opinion to fill its sails and thus secured a place for Indian shipping on Indian waters.

Much water has flowed into the sea since Indian ships had to plead for a place in Indian waters. The position has so far improved that the demand for the reservation of the entire coastal trade to Indian Ships finds powerful support all over the country. The Sub-Committee's recommendations embody the demand of the industry and the public.

FREE FIELD FOR INDIAN ENTERPRISE

We are sure, Sir, that the present Government of India actuated by ideals of national progress would readily identify itself with this expansion programme. The only point we would urge in this connection is that the manner in which the new policy is implemented should ensure a free field for Indian enterprise instead of merely strengthening existing vested interests. The difficulty was visualised even when the Sub-Committee was set up. The Committee was asked to recommend measures to regulate the shipping Industry with a view to preventing the formation or establishment of combines or monopolies or excessively large units within the industry. The shipping Board that is to be set up will have to consider the matter in detail.

But I may point out in general terms how these difficulties do exist. It is common knowledge that in fighting for their share of India's coastal trade, the Scindias found it necessary to come to some arrangement with their British rivals. These constituted themselves into the Conference Lines and attempts are being made to keep almost the whole trade in their own hands without giving a fair chance to Shipping Companies not fortunate enough to be included among the Conference Lines.

In the name of the Conference Lines pressure is brought on shippers not to patronise the new Indian Companies. One well-known but rather unfair method is to warn shippers that no rebates would be allowed to those who booked any freight through the non-Conference Lines. We are assured that no such forfeiture of rebates take place. But in the absence of an openly declared policy on the part of the Conference Lines interested persons go about doing what they please. Pressure is also brought on Agents not to represent non-Conference Lines. This too is not fair. Infant enterprises, new shipping Companies still to be born cannot aspire to the dignity of being enrolled among the Conference Lines. If the Conference Lines cut their custom by these subtle means how can the new companies live?

At the same time it is a happy augury that Indian Shipping Companies are awake to the situation. At a meeting held on Thursday last attended by representatives of over 12 Indian Shipping Companies including the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, the following resolution was passed:

> This Meeting of the shipping Companies owned, controlled, and managed by Indians gives its strong support to all the recommendations made by the Shipping Policy Sub-Committee in their recent report and strongly urges the Central Government in consonance with the policy enunciated by them in this connection as well as the Provincial Governments and the Indian shippers to extend their patronage to all these Indian Shipping Companies without discrimination".

It is now for Government to accept these recommendations and give to Indian Shipping the support that so legitimately belongs to it. While Coastal Trade should be Indianised it should not be allowed to be monopolised. New Shipping Companies must have free waters and equal facilities with the old, in the matter of public help. At least for a period of five to ten years Indian enterprise should be freely encouraged.

We are glad to learn from pronouncements made in the Legislature that the question of nationalising the shipbuilding industry is already engaging the attention of the Government of India. Government has also agreed to lend its good offices in securing for Indian shipping additional tonnage from abroad. We look forward to our meeting with the Hon'ble Member for Commerce on Monday when we shall discuss with him ways and means to secure for Indian Shipping Companies their due share in coastal as well as overseas trades.

India cherishes a glorious maritime tradition and given a free field, Indian enterprise, Indian skill and Indian industry will gain for India a respected and remunerative place in the carrying trade linking countries and continents.

SPARE US THIS SLIGHT

May we bring to your kind notice a small matter which concerns the department under your charge; and that is about the transport of Food Grains along the coast of India from one part to another. You are possibly aware of the efforts that are being made by the Conference Lines to have monopoly of the transport of food grains on the coast. This would naturally take away the traffic from non-Conference Indian Shipping and would thus be a handicap to it. May we request you to see that the non-Conference Indian Shipping is spared this slight and not subjected to such injustice?

While we have dwelt elaborately on the necessity of the coastal trade being reserved for Indian Shipping, because that requires our first attention, we are sure you would appreciate that we as well maintain that Indian companies should also have an adequate share of the foreign trade with full facilities to navigate in foreign waters, and that the Government should always stand up for the rights of Indian shipping, both in Indian waters and on the high seas.

Negotiations will shortly commence with His Majesty's Government and the British Companies for reviewing the position of Indian shipping and securing for it its due share of the carrying trade. We hope among other things the Government of India would strongly press and even insist on the use of Indian tonnage for importing food grains to India.

I have now to thank you again for the honour you have done to us and the kindness with which you have listened to us. I have also to express my gratefulness to the guests who have so kindly responded to our invitation and to the Bombay Port Trust authorities for accommodating us here for the purpose of this ceremony. I now request you to hoist the glorious tricolour on our 'Jagdamba' and give us your blessings.

DINNER AT CUTCH CASTLE

Later, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Labour Member Sjts. Jagjivan Ram, B. G. Kher, Morarji Desai, Dinkarrao Desai, K. M. Munshi, S. G. Patil, and Dr. M. D. D. Gilder took their dinner at Sheth Shoorji Vallabhdas' bungalow at Cutch Castle.

Aga Khan Final Drawn

Gibson's Superb Performance

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Spartans Club, Rawalpindi	1
"Times of India" S. C.	1

The team at the basement of the first division in the Bombay Hockey League very nearly brought off the biggest surprise of the many surprises in this year's Aga Khan Hockey Tournament by very nearly succeeding in becoming the winners of the famous trophy. After a blank first half the local side scored the first goal some twenty minutes after the start through Correa who converted a penalty corner and but for a costly lapse on the part of their defenders who were otherwise excellent would have emerged victorious in this their first Aga Khan Final. And then some four minutes from the end Nasib the visitors' centre-half scored the equaliser through a melee, the magnificent Gibson being unsighted by one of the defenders.

The Spartans started attacking from the start but their raids seldom went anywhere near the circle as the defenders as well as the intermediate line were in grand form to-day and were hardly in a mood to give anything away. On the few occasions that they got through Gibson intervened. Indeed the local custodian's performance between the bars this evening was perhaps the finest registered by any player in that position in this year's Tournament. But for him the "Times" would have lost the match and the trophy by a big margin. Time and again when a goal looked almost inevitable Gibson effected splendid clearances and in spite of the several forwards invariably crowding round the goal, made hardly a mistake. He was very well supported by their pivot A. Vaz as well as by the deep defenders Roberts and Fernandes. A. Vaz often had the elusive Aziz well shadowed and for long spells the Rawalpindi centre-forwards could do hardly anything.

For the Spartans Nasib, their pivot who got the much needed equaliser put in another grand performance. Realising the desperate situation in which his side was placed when they were one goal down he acted as the sixth forwards as well as the third defender and with his well judged passes to either flank helped to make the task of defending rather difficult for the rivals.

Chances were wasted by both the sides. The Spartans on quite a few occasions failing to push the ball in from a melee which usually ensued from a short corner. For their part the "Times" also missed some. But the relative strength of the Rawalpindi defence and the weakness of the "Times" attack reduced their chances of scoring to a bare minimum. Once, however, when excellently placed Braganza failed to connect properly in the circle thus depriving his side of a goal earlier in the match.

The match will be replayed on Monday at 5-30 p.m.

The teams—Spartans Club, Rawalpindi—Ramesh; Anwar and Khurshed; Gulzan, Nasib and Yaqub; Sadaq, Mani, Aziz, Raza and Rehmat.

"Times of India" S. C.—Gibson; H. Roberts and P. Fernandez; H. D'Souza, A. Vaz and L. D'Souza; L. Braganza, J. Vaz, F. E. D'Souza, F. Correa and Fichardo.

Referees Messrs. Francis and Pearce.

THREE SPANISH TEACHERS ARRESTED

MADRID, April 13 (Reuter): Three Spanish teachers of a French school in Madrid have been arrested for alleged revolutionary activities, the Madrid police reported. Their names were given as Manuel Lamanne, Eleuterio Lopez and Antonio Gil Burrilo.

Police said they searched the school and found one small bomb, some explosives and materials for printing of leaflets.

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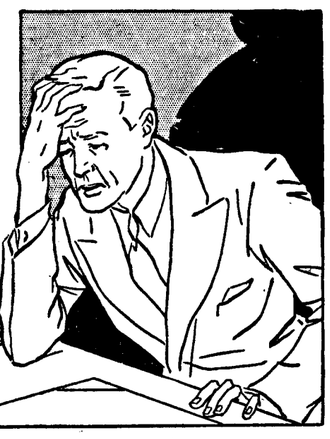

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Today's Engagements

NATIONAL WEEK EXHIBITION: At Parsi Gym. Ground, Vincent Road, Dadar, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Variety entertainment by Rashtra Seva Dal of Vile Parle; 9 p.m. Instrument and light music by Mr. Nagin Solanki.

MAZDAZNAN ART EVENING: Today, at 6 p.m., at Alexandra Girls' School Hall, Waudby Road, Mr. Anjeerker, the Chairman of the Art Society of India, will deliver a public lecture on "The Activity called Art."

TATA OIL MILLS CO. (LTD.) STAFF UNION: A meeting of the General body of the Tata Oil Mills Co. (Ltd.) Staff Union, Bombay, at Cama Hall, Apollo St., Fort, today, at 6-15 p.m. Mr. K. K. Karanjia presiding.

MARWADI CHAMBER'S RECEPTION TO RAJEN BABU: "A Reception will be held in honour of the Hon'ble Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Member for Food and Agriculture in the Government of India by the Members of the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce, at 9-30 a.m., today, in the ground floor Hall of the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce at 232, Kalbadevi Road."

RAJADHYAKSHA FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS: The Managing Committee of The Rao Bahadur S. V. Rajadhyaksha G. S. B. Foreign Education Society invite applications upto June 30th, 1947, for two or more loan-scholarships of the value of about Rs. 5,000 each, from students belonging to the Gowd Saraswat Brahman Community desirous of proceeding to a foreign country for higher education. Forms of applications and Rules can be had from the Hon. Secretaries at the Chikitsaka Samuha Building (Top floor), Kandewadi, Bombay, 4.

TOKEN STRIKE

INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES AND ALLIED OFFICES' STAFF UNION.

A decision to observe a token strike of half a day from 2 p.m., on Tuesday, the 15th as a protest against the retrenchment of 63 personnel from the Office of the Controller of Inspection and the Directorate of Ship Building and Repairs and in sympathy with the retrenched was made by an overwhelming majority at a largely attended extraordinary general body meeting, held on Saturday last, at the Cama Hall, Mr. Asoka Mehta, President of the Council of Action of the Union, presiding.

"G" WARD TENANTS ASSOCIATION (DADAR).

Mr. M. S. Rajadhyax, the Hon. Secretary, "G" Ward Tenants Associations writes:—

The "G" Ward Tenants Association has opened various centres in different localities in the ward. The tenants are advised to approach these Centres with their grievances. Complaints must be in writing for which printed forms are provided in the following centres:—

(1) Mahim-Dharavi, Mr. S. M. Pawar, Near Vithal Temple, More Road, Mahim. (2) The Socialist Party Office, D. L. Vaidya Road, Dadar. (3) Portuguese Church Street-Cadell Road and Agar Bazar, Mr. Madhukar Deshpande, Fida Building, Agar Bazar. (4) Prabhadevi-Worli, Mr. B. S. Jadhav, Prabhadevi Vyam Shala, New Prabhadevi Road. (5) De Lisle Road-Fergusson Road, Mr. Jamnadas K. Thakar, Azad Hind Seva Dal, Sun Mill Lane, Lower Parel.

THE SUBURBAN HINDU SIKH UNION.

Gyani Sohan Singh, Secretary, Suburban Hindu Sikh Union writes:—

I have received two letters from Rawalpindi and Gujarkhan Shri Guru Singh Sabhas Relief Camps where 15,000 refugees are taking shelter. They are in great need of clothing, soap, oil, biscuits, milk tins, etc. immediately. Our Union is sending a deputation to distribute these articles on 1st of May, 1947. All contributors of these articles are therefore requested to send to our office 15, Bhagirath Sadan, 237, Cadell Road, Bombay 27, their contributions before 30th April, 1947.

WELCOME SOVIET ASIAN DELEGATES.

Acting General Secretary, Bombay Friends of the Soviet Union, writes:—

The Bombay Friends of the Soviet Union have organised a joint public reception to greet the Soviet Asian Delegations and their staff, now in city, at the Sunderbai Hall, near Churchgate Station, at 6-30 this evening, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakstan, Kirgizia, Tadjikistan, Turkomenia, Usbekistan are the Soviet Asian Republics represented by the delegations. Colonel Sokhey of the Haffkine Institute will preside over the function.

DR. RAJENDRA PRASAD'S PROGRAMME.

8 a.m.: visit the Maharashtra Chamber Commerce.

8-30 a.m.: Visits to the Marwadi Chamber of Commerce and the Marwadi Sammelan.

He will leave for Delhi in the afternoon.

Mr. A. G. MOORAJ, Managing Director of Messrs. Windmere (India) Ltd., one of the leading business houses in Bombay is proceeding to U.K. and U.S.A. for expanding business connections of his firm.

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SARDAR PATEL IN CITY

BOMBAY, April 13 (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Member, Government of India, arrived here this evening from Delhi by air. He was received at the airport by the Mayor of Bombay, Mr. A. P. Sabavala, the Prime Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher, the Home Minister Mr. Morarji Desai and the Labour Minister Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda.

After two days' stay in the city, Sardar Patel will leave for Baroda on a two-day tour of Surat District. While in Bombay, Sardar Patel will address a public meeting and also meet the representatives of commercial organisations.

Sardar's Lecture

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee a Public Meeting will be held today (Monday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), on Chaupatty Sands when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will address.

Sevikas and volunteers are required to be present at 4 p.m. (S. T.).

Drs. Naicker And Dadoo For Bombay

NEW DELHI, April 13.

Dr. Naicker and Dr. Dadoo of South Africa are leaving Delhi by air on Tuesday at 13-15 hours reaching Bombay at 5 p.m.

Jaiprakash For Coimbatore

MADRAS, April 13 (A.P.I.): Mr. Jai Prakash Narain accompanied by his wife Mrs. Prabhavati left Madras last night for Coimbatore after two days' stay in the city. They are expected to return to Madras on April 25.

Abdul Ghaffar Khan In Peshawar

PESHAWAR, April 13. (A.P.I.): Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan accompanied by Qazi Attaullah Khan, Revenue Minister, and Mr. Mehrchand Khanna, Minister for Finance, returned to Peshawar by air to-day.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

MONDAY, April 14.

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244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Swar Kalika (by D'Amel) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 M. M. Swaroop (Guitar) 8-45 Songs from "Manasmech" 9-0 D. M. Kamat (Vocal).

12-0 p.m. Programme of special interest to women (H) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Apni Apni Pasand 2-25 News (H) 2-20 News (E) 2-40 Music 4-20 Vimal Gothoskar (Bhimpalas) 4-40 Raojibhai Patel (Chayal Vilambit and Drut) 5-0 M. M. Swaroop (Guitar) 5-15 Tarabai Gadagkar (Jait) 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 Mukta Vaidya (Gujarati Geet) 6-30 Chandrahas Paingankar (Marathi Bhavgeets) 6-45 Ahmad Dilawar (Ghazal) 7-0 Vimal Gothoskar (Thumri) 7-15 M. M. Swaroop (Guitar) 7-30 Vignane Jivanni Jaruriato Vadhari Atma Santosh Ghatadyo Ohhe Discussion between Dr. S. Sethna and P. L. Trivedi (G) 7-45 Bhavgeeten 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Raojibhai Patel (Khayal Vilambit and Drut) 8-45 Rang Roop (Feature in, Hindustani written by Habib Tanvir) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9-45 Books on my Shelf (Talk by Dr. Mulkraj Anand) 10-0 Tarabai Gadagkar (Darbari) 10-30 D. M. Kamat (Vocal).

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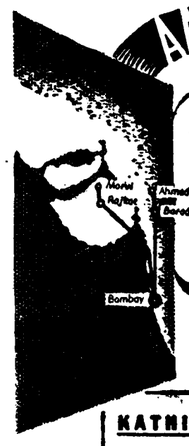

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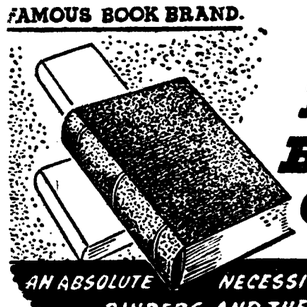

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POONA, April 13, (A. P. I.): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from April 1 and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m., today:—

Ahmedabad 106 78 0 0.1 plus 0.1, Ahmednagar 103 72 0 0.6 plus 0.5, Ajmer 102 73 0 0 0, Akola 109 76 0 0 minus 0.1, Bangalore 87 71 0 0 minus 0.4, Baroda 110 71 0 0.1 nil, Belgaum 97 71 0 0.9 plus 0.3, Benares 105 68 0 0 minus 0.1, Bhopal 103 70 0 0 minus 0.1, Bhuj 105 69 0 0 0, BOMBAY 90 77 0 0 0, Calcutta 96 80 0 0 minus 0.5, Calicut 85 78 0.6 9.6 plus 4.3, Cawnpore 105 72 0 0 minus 0.1, Delhi 103 71 0 0 minus 0.1, Gaya 107 73 0 0 minus 0.1, Hyderabad (Dn.) 101 76 0 0 minus 0.6, Hyderabad (Sd.) 108 71 0 0 0, Indore 101 65 0 0.1 plus 0.1, Karachi 85 75 0 0 minus 0.1, Lahore 102 70 0 0 minus 0.3, Lucknow 105 69 0 0 minus 0.1, Madras 93 78 0.2 0.2 0, Mysore 89 73 T 1.2 plus 0.8, Nagpur 107 79 0 0 minus 0.3, Negapatan 86 77 T 0.5 plus 0.2, Ootacamund 68 55 3.3 5.5 plus 4.5, Pachmarhi 93 67 0 0 0, Palghat 86 74 0.2 2.9 nil, Patna 107 74 0 0 minus 0.1, Peshawar 89 62 0 0 0 minus 0.9, Poona 105 71 0 0.2 minus 0.1, Quetta 77 39 0 0 minus 0.6, Rajkot 104 70 0 0 0, Rawalpindi 92 62 0 0 minus 1.1, Surat 104 75 0 0.1 plus 0.1

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The common problem, yours, mine, every one's
Is—not to fancy what were fair in life
Provided it could be—but, finding first
What may be, then find how to make it fair
Up to your means; a very different thing"!

Robert Browning

The Bombay Chronicle

NEW ERA FOR THE RUPEE

The severance of the fixed ratio between the rupee and the pound sterling marks a new milestone in the history of India's independence. It is a symbol of her full sovereign Statehood that h standard of currency will have its value fixed, in the international market, on its own intrinsic worth, and not as a tailpiece of the pound sterling. The link was unnatural and artificial. It had, however, a history of half a century. To those who adore tradition for its own sake, breach of this long connection will be a matter for regret. To those of us, on the other hand, who would read history as an unvarnished record of facts, however disagreeable, the connection was parent to nothing that was honourable, or even profitable, to India. Without indulging in any avoidable acrimony at this stage in our relations with Britain, one cannot help recalling, at this juncture, the fact that the fixed ratio with the rupee was only a disguise for serving Britain's trade interests in this country. Every time that the ratio proved inconvenient for Britain to maintain, the Secretary of State, acting as her watchdog promptly abandoned fixity or evaded his obligation to pay pounds for rupees at the fixed rate, or 'vice versa.' In 1907, when there was no world crisis to lend even a semblance of justification for breaking this pledge, the obligation was evaded. In 1919, Britain, exhausted after a world war and seeking to rehabilitate and reconstruct her own economy forced upon India an inflated rupee, which could not be maintained even for a year and that, too, at the cost of several crores of India's reserves. In 1931, Britain went off gold for her own reasons, but kept India tied to her apron-strings of fixed exchange. The result was that over 300 crores of India's hoarded gold had to be exported. The last war has left its own legacy, which, notwithstanding the de-linking of the rupee from sterling will compel the Indian authorities for years to come to keep up this ratio, no matter what the requirements of India's own economy.

It is true, India is a member of the International Monetary Fund as well as of the International Bank. Through these institutions and agreements, the manipulation of any local currency will no longer be possible as a weapon in international exchange, except within certain stated limits. But this restriction is of our own agreement and will be common to us along with all other nations who have agreed to the Bretton Woods scheme of stabilising international exchanges. The latitude allowed to any member to vary the ratio, if necessitated by considerations of its own local economy, will be used by India as and when she needs it, having regard solely to her own interests and requirements. In those circumstances, this act must be hailed as a symbol, if nothing more, of the new age of National Independence, which it may well be hoped will contribute materially to strengthening the country's economy and adding to her people's prosperity.

As to the future of the rupee in its relation to other leading currencies of the world, it is needless to speculate at the moment. If her just dues are honourably paid to her, she will be a substantial creditor in the world market, through her claims in respect of her sterling balances. The demands of economic reconstruction in the country and the planned development of her resources may necessitate heavier imports of machinery and modern industrial equipment. But the excess of the trade balance against India on that account will be more than offset by the liquidation of her own dues from Britain. We cannot, also, forecast, with any degree of accuracy, the trend and size of capital movements in the coming years. But such as they may be, India is unlikely to be borrower on a large scale to meet only her budgetary deficit. If she borrows,—and well she may,—on any considerable scale, it would be for productive purposes to build up modern industry of the most up-to-date character for working up her own indigenous resources, and supplying her own local market. The loans thus raised abroad will be almost entirely self-supporting, assuming they are utilised for productive purposes and the burden of interest or repayment of capital will not cause needless increase in any adverse balance of trade or accounts. The condition of India's foreign trade, as seen hitherto, gives every reason to believe that she will continue to be a creditor country on the balance and the long run, once the incubus of British economic imperialism is removed and her foreign trade takes its natural turn towards her nearer neighbours on the East as well as the West. The first Asian Relations Conference, recently held in Delhi, has revealed, even to the lay mind, the infinite possibilities for mutual good by closer development of economic intercourse between Asian countries. The most important of these are getting but just emancipated from European colonialism. Most of them are comparatively less developed than this country, inspite of its having been kept backward by British imperialism for the latter's own ends. Trade between these is, consequently, bound to be much more mutually advantageous than that between Britain and India ever was or could have been. Even the need for the elaborate parapharnalia of tariffs and quotas, of exchange restriction and transport manipulation, would gradually vanish, when trade flows into its normal channels, instead of being forced by all the complicated mechanism of economic imperialism. From every point of view, therefore, there is good reason to believe that the severance of the link between the rupee and the sterling is a herald of a new age of progress and prosperity, on which the authors of that step deserve every congratulation.

Frankly Speaking

What World Lost

It is now two years since Franklin Roosevelt died and nothing could emphasise his value to the world and the loss it has sustained by his death than the present international situation. He worked with great success for peace and international friendship. Both are today in jeopardy everywhere. The world that was to be united in democratic and humanitarian collaboration is divided into two hostile camps shouting and snarling at each other. There is a greater danger of human destruction today than ever before in the history of the world. No one can say definitely that Roosevelt would not have allowed the rot to set in or would have stopped it effectively. But it is certain that the situation would have been less grave today if he had been alive.

Lieutenants Fail

And, of course, the United States would not have had to face the divisions and splits, which is its painful lot today to the grave disadvantage of the world as well as itself. Mr. Henry Wallace has rightly said that Roosevelt's death "left the progressive forces in America weakened and divided." What could be a more convincing—and tragic—proof of it than that his two Vice-Presidents are at loggerheads today? Mr. Truman talks of human response to Roosevelt's understanding and sympathy for suffering and so on but acts—as he is doing. Mr. Wallace speaks of Roosevelt's hopes that America and Russia could learn much from each other. Neither has been persuaded to learn from the other, a failure which both Truman and Wallace should share as Roosevelt's chief lieutenants.

Frontier Happenings

The visit of Qazi Ataullah and Mr. Mehr Chand Khanna, the Frontier Province Ministers, to New Delhi has given rise to speculations which are unauthenticated. But it has certainly focussed attention on the happenings that are taking place in certain areas of the Province thanks to the Muslim League's campaign to undo by so-called "direct action" what the electorate has clearly done by democratic action. The first excuse was of course "civil liberties" the pattern of which was seen in the Punjab—no one crusaded or thinks of crusading for "civil liberties" in Bengal—when the resignation of the Khizr Hayat coalition Ministry was hailed as a victory for—Pakistan. "Civil liberties" are about as much the concern of the crusaders in the Frontier Province as they were in the Punjab. And what kind of campaign for "civil liberties" is this which includes, among its main features, shooting, bomb-throwing, loot, arson, kidnapping, terrorising minorities and even wrecking trains and murdering passengers? This question becomes even more important by reason of the fact that while the Council of Action of the Muslim League, for instance, indignantly denounces imaginary repression by the Frontier Ministry, it does not occur to it to say something about the known outrages by the supporters of the League.

Spirit Of Officials

But if all this is deplorable, even more deplorable is the attitude of the officials in the Province, at which Qazi Ataullah hints in his statement at New Delhi. The leaders of the agitation, as he pointed out, are mostly landlords and jagirdars who had been formerly closely associated with the administration in one way or another. But is it not dereliction of duty for officials to pursue their old friendships? Gandhiji referred the other day to the non-co-operative spirit and attitude of British officials and appealed to them not to leave India as enemies. Perhaps they cannot change their mentality themselves. It, therefore, becomes the concern of Governors and the Viceroy to tell these men to behave in the spirit of Mr. Attlee's announcement and Lord Mountbatten's own efforts. In the case of the Frontier Province this is particularly the concern of the Viceroy. For, the Governor has special powers in respect of officers and Sir Olaf Caroe does not enjoy the reputation of being a Governor who is altogether friendly or co-operatively disposed towards his Ministers.

Amusing Hysterics

If there is any reality or virtue in what is called the "American way of Life", that is, the democratic way of life, as it is claimed to be, then the one thing, which Americans must both tolerate and even welcome, is critical opposition. But many responsible Americans seem to have betrayed the obligations to their way of life to the extent of going into hysterics against Henry Wallace's speeches in Britain. His criticism of the present American and Congressional foreign policy has actually been denounced by some as "lack of patriotism", 'undemocratic' (sic.) and "near treason". When did it become undemocratic for a citizen of a democracy to criticise its government? And to denounce such criticism as "near treason" is not democracy but near totalitarianism. It is amusing—and also a little disconcerting—that responsible Americans should forget "civil liberties" and individual freedom.

INQUIRY INTO INDIAN PRESS LAWS

Committee To Issue A Questionnaire Shortly

NEW DELHI, April 12, (API): The first meeting of the Press Laws Enquiry Committee appointed by the Government of India to review press laws in British India in order to bring them into line with the press laws of other progressive countries was held in New Delhi today (April 12) under the chairmanship of Rai Bahadur Ganga Nath. Those present were the Hon'ble Nawabzada Khurshid Ali Khan, Member Council of State, the Hon. Rai Bahadur Sir Narain Mehta, Member Council of State, Mr. Sri Prakas, M.L.A. (Central), Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, Editor, Amrita Bazar Patrika and Mr. Bedekar, (Secretary).

The Chairman opened the proceedings with an account of the origin and growth of the various laws relating to the Press in India. The Committee discussed the agenda which included consideration of the laws to be examined by the Committee, the drafting of a questionnaire, the procedure and programme of the Committee and the examination of witnesses.

A questionnaire will be issued by the Committee shortly.

The Committee will meet again about the middle of July to consider the memoranda and replies received in response to the questionnaire and to settle the further programme of the examination of witnesses.

Food Position Easier Than Last Year

Grow-More-Food Is The Only Reliable Solution

CENTRAL GOVT. WILLING TO HELP PROVINCES, SAYS RAJENDRA PRASAD

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Declaring that the food situation in the country at this time, though somewhat easier than what it was last year, was not free from anxiety, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Member for Food and Agriculture in the Government of India, at a press conference here to-day, observed that stepping up production was the only course open to the country to escape starvation.

CENTRE WILL HELP PROVINCES

Dr. Prasad said that the Central Government was prepared to render every help to the Provincial Governments in their efforts to grow more food.

Giving an over-all picture of food production in various provinces, the Food Member said:

"We have a fairly normal crop of rice in the principal rice-producing provinces of Bengal, Bihar, Orissa, Madras and the United Provinces, but it is below normal in the Central Provinces, Punjab and Sind. The wheat crop, which is just being harvested, is fairly normal in the Punjab and Sind, although the area under wheat is reported to be somewhat less than in previous years. We are expecting a good crop in the United Provinces also, but recent reports indicate that rust has affected the crop to some extent in the western and southern districts of the Province. In the Central Provinces, Bombay Presidency, Central India and the States in Central India, the wheat crop has been very badly damaged and in places completely destroyed on account of rust. The Jowar crop has also been not quite satisfactory. We have thus to face a considerable overall deficit in the country as a whole, which will necessitate large imports from outside over and above the normal imports in pre-war days.

EASIER POSITION FOR RICE-EATERS.

"On account of the easier rice situation, the position in the east and the south is better but shortage of wheat is acutely felt in the wheat areas and by the wheat-eating population".

FOUR MILLION TONS SHORTAGE.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad referring to imports said: "Imports are not sufficient to meet the requirements and what we are able to get, we are trying to distribute as fairly as possible among the various provinces and states. The allocation of cereals to India by the International Emergency Food Council is not sufficient to meet all our requirements and except in case of rice, of which an allocation has been made from Burma and other countries, the allocation of other grains so far is only in respect of the quantity which India can get out the countries from which we can get them is not indicated. We have, therefore, to make our purchases from wherever we can to the extent allotted to us.

"It is apprehended that the overall shortage will be somewhere in the neighbourhood of three to four million tons

"Our total imports last year did not exceed 2.3 million tons and this year, they are likely to be less. Thus while on account of a fairly normal crop of rice in the principal rice-producing districts and of wheat from the greater part of the principal wheat-producing areas, the situation on the whole is somewhat easier but it is not free from anxiety.

GOVT. COULD NOT HELP IT.

Dr. Prasad said that the system of rationing and distribution was becoming unpopular since people were getting many cereals to which they were not used. But Government could not help it since they could distribute only what they got.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad asked people to realise that unless production was stepped up considerably within the country itself and Provinces became more or less self-sufficient or at least able to meet their requirements from the surplus of neighbouring Provinces, the difficulties would increase.

CONTROLS TO STAY.

Removal of controls, he said, can only lead to larger consumption by certain sections, which are somewhat better off than others and further reduction in consumption by the poorer sections. It may even mean complete starvation for a considerable section of the poorest part of the population.

LOSS TO GOVT. OVER IMPORTS

Dr. Rajendra Prasad added: "The position is very difficult, if not desperate from another point of view. We imported nearly a 100 crores worth of grain in 1946 and in order to maintain prices at the level at which they prevailed in the country, the Government were compelled to sell the imported grains at a price much less than that at which they had been imported with the result that the Government had to suffer a loss of more than 20 crores in this way. Our exports and imports of other merchandise in 1945-46 more or less balanced each other so that this heavy import of foodgrains had to be paid in some other way. India cannot afford to continue imports on such a scale without a corresponding increase in her own exports, of which there is hardly any chance visible at the present moment".

"The only course, therefore", the Food Member said, "open to us is to increase our own production of food in the country to escape starvation".

SHORT-TERM PLANS FOR 4-5 YEARS.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad describing the measures taken by the Government to increase India's production of food said: "The short-term schemes have been prepared by the Agricultural Department, by which, it is hoped that three to four million tons deficit may be made up by increased production during the next four or five years. These include:

(A) Small irrigation projects like wells, tanks, channels, etc., for irrigation purposes,

(B) Distribution of improved seed

(C) Production and distribution and propagation of manures and

(D) Land reclamation.

The difficulty, however, is that this can be achieved only if our cultivators work with enthusiasm and are helped by the Provincial Governments with materials required for this and also finance. The Central Government is prepared to do its part in these efforts and the Provincial Governments also have agreed to do their part but it must be realized that our whole administration up till now has been carried on in a particular way in which such measures did not have the same importance and Government does not possess the necessary equipment in material and personnel to carry out such extensive schemes. We may find it difficult to carry them out in full but it is likely that the deficiency in the Government machinery can be made up by the zeal of the people at large

ROOTS AND TUBERS TO FILL DEFICIENCY

Dr. Rajendra Prasad said there are roots and tubers which yield more per acre and can very well supply the deficiency in cereals.

Apart from these short-range plans Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that Government were considering large projects of controlling and utilizing the waters of some of the rivers by multi-purpose projects and several of these are at various stages of investigation and planning.

MORE NEEDS

"It is not in the matter of cereals alone", Dr. Prasad said, "that we have a deficit. India needs other kinds of food, which are essential for balanced diet and for good health. Milk and milk products, fish and poultry are some of these. There are schemes for the improvement of milk supply and cattle wealth as also poultry and fishery development.

APPEAL TO PRESS

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, concluding, appealed to the press to help the Provincial and Central Governments in their grow-more-food campaign.

STORAGE ARRANGEMENTS

Answering questions, the Food Member stated that to prevent wastage of food through lack of proper facilities for storage, the government have built a number of godowns and storehouses in various parts of the country and they are building more.

VANASPATI ISSUE

Referring to Vanaspati manufacture, he said that he had asked certain scientists to examine the nutritive value of Vanaspati and submit a report. Government would consider the stoppage or continuance of its manufacture after receiving the report.

RAJEN BABU MEETS BOMBAY CIVIL SUPPLIES OFFICIALS

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Food Member Government of India, met officials of the Civil Supplies Department, Government of Bombay, this morning at the Secretariat.

Among those present at the meeting were Mr. Dinkarrao Desai, Minister for Civil Supplies, Government of Bombay, Mr. Vishnu Sahay, Secretary, Food Department, Government of India, Mr. Mehta, Director of Agriculture, Bombay, Mr. J. Booth Supply Commissioner, Bombay, Mr. G. W. Hulland, Director of Civil Supplies, Districts, Mr. Wagle, Food Controller, Mr. R. N. Samarth, Controller of Rationing, and Mr. Sankpal, Statistician.

Dr. Prasad lunched with Ministers of the Government of Bombay at the residence of Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister this afternoon.

TETE-A-TETE

—WITHOUT COMMENT—

ALGIERS, April 12: Light armoured cars, half-tracks and ammunition for French troops in Algeria were landed here on Friday night from a Greek freighter.

—Reuter.

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The Central Assembly has passed a Bill to control the export of Indian antiquities.

We welcome the measure. But it should be made clear that it does not affect the freedom of human antiquities, who may perhaps feel, in disappointment and disgust, like Exporting themselves from India.

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At a Press Conference in New Delhi, Qazi Ataullah, the Frontier Minister, pointed out how a Political officer not only allowed an anti-Congress leader to address meetings in the Tribal areas but also sent him in his own car while any Congressman who tried to go into the tribal areas was put in jail.

But that's as it should be. It is loyally carrying out the traditional spirit, which should be honourably handed over intact on handing over power in India.

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Pressed to tell whether officials were not carrying out the policy of February 20 in the spirit of the statement, Qazi Ataullah said he couldn't answer the question because it was hard to tell what was going on in the official mind.

Actually few things are easier than to tell what is going on in the official mind.

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It is learnt, says the A.P.I. that Lord Mountbatten has indicated to Mr. Jinnah that in the face of the Pakistan demand the contention re division of the Punjab and Bengal would require to be given due consideration.

Where and who from has it been learnt? This is a serious matter and we must demand disclosure of the A.P.I source.

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The A.P.I. also learns that there is no immediate prospect of the Muslim League Working Committee being summoned as the League President is reported to have nothing concrete to place before it.

Not even that letter of invitation from the Congress Working Committee?

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Attacking Truman's loan to Greece and Turkey, Henry Wallace asked at a Manchester meeting: "Does any one seriously believe that the forces of world Communism can be bought off for a sum of 400 million dollars?"

We agree with what Wallace means.

In fact, we have long felt like asking the same question re the U.S. offer to Arabs of—was it 10 or 50 million dollars?—to buy off Palestine for Europe's Jews. But Mr Henry Wallace won't answer that

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According to a Jerusalem report the Arab Higher Committee is preparing a "Black Book on British actions in Palestine" for submission to the United Nations through the Arab League.

It would be a most appropriate supplement to British White Papers and Geneva's White Books on Palestine.

HENRY WALLACE HITS BACK AT ACCUSERS

(Continued from page 1)

over other less powerful people I am sure that it should come to an end, but I am glad to see that what is happening in India and Burma is not disintegration at all, but a new contract between free Burmese and free Indians with the free people of England.

NEW APPROACH TO MID-EAST.

Mr. Wallace continued: "I believe that together Britain and America, bringing an opportunity of constructive achievement with them, could solve the dangerous problem of the Middle East by the same kind of approach to the peoples of those impoverished countries whose oil fields are as rich as their peoples are destitute.

"I believe that if that be our approach quite new opportunities would arise of co-operation with the Soviet Union which would not want to be excluded if, as I should like, we applied the technique of the Tennessee Valley to the Valley of the Jordan and used the resources of modern science to transform the sandy desert that lies between the Tigris and the Euphrates once again into a garden of Eden"

Mr. Wallace declared that according to archaeologists that area, where there are now 2,500,000 people once had a population of 22,000,000.

"If we brought water and power to serve the peoples of these arid wastes, no one would grudge us what we need," he added.

NEED FOR A NEW DEAL.

Mr. Wallace said: "We would not be imperialists, but technicians enabling these people to develop more peacefully and healthfully their own way of life not in terms of graft for a few but with the aim of prosperity for all who are willing to work, study and learn.

"The whole world needs a new deal and there will be no peace till it has one", he said.

"I believe that the British people, who know the shortcomings of old-fashioned exploitation and imperialism, would co-operate with enthusiasm on a thoroughgoing new deal for the entire world.

"By necessity, understand the need for a new deal for the world because your old deal has broken down."

WALLACE HITS BACK AT ACCUSERS

LIVERPOOL, April 13 (U.P.A.): Henry Wallace today stabbed at his Senatorial critics and declared that "the only justification for charging me with treason is the assumption that the world is at war."

He denied that he had tried to "seduce" Prime Minister Attlee into an attempt to change American foreign policy and said that such charges were "ridiculous."

Speaking to 2,000 students and members of the Liverpool United Nations Association, Wallace read out American dispatches which said he had been accused of betraying his Government by making speeches critical of American foreign policy in Britain.

"I am a patriotic American", Wallace declared. "If the world was at war I could not have said what I have said in England.

"The use of the word 'treason' indicates that in the minds of some people the world is at war.

"That frame of mind is precisely what I am trying to combat."

INTERVIEW WITH ATTLEE

Wallace said that during his one meeting with Attlee he was "completely unable to influence or seduce the Prime Minister, as I was well chaperoned by my close friend, Ambassador Lewis Douglas."

He said that he had discussed American foreign policy also "with the encouragement of Mr. Douglas during a meeting at the American Embassy in London with Lady Violet Bonham Carter, the British Liberal leader and Lord Packenham, Under-Secretary for War.

"But nothing I said could possibly influence them in any way", he said, smiling.

Wallace, who has been the guest of the Lord Mayers of Blackpool, Stoke-on-Trent and Manchester during his Midlands tour, was informed of the Senatorial criticism at breakfast this morning.

"That's what I get for talking to Lord Mayors", he cracked.

At the Liverpool meeting he said, "I believe one day we all must become world citizens. Anyone who wants that must believe it is necessary to keep in touch with the peoples of other countries and exchange views."

WHAT AMERICA NEEDS?

During the lengthy question period, Wallace said, "A strong working class party is needed in the United States. The A.F.L. is to the right of your Tories and the CIO is split—half Tory and half over to the Left."

Communism, he said, has been used as an atom bomb to split up the whole American working class movement."

He warned that Britain "eventually will feel the impact of the American Red scare" and said: "I hope you don't catch this disease."

"The percentage of Communists is so small you should not be distracted by them. I favour the Communists having their fair share of influence—one man, one vote. But we should not allow them to make us take foolish actions."

Wallace paid warm tribute to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt in connection with her work on the United Nations Economic and Security Committee. Sources close to him later said it was indicative of his "wish to heal the breach in the American Progressive Movement."

BRITAIN'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Liverpool meeting ended Wallace's two-day Midlands swing during which he repeatedly stressed his "convictions":

First, that the United States is headed toward war with Russia.

Second, that the United Nations "has not failed because it has never been tried."

Third, that Britain must use the influence to bring about a closer understanding between the United States and Russia to avoid war "in which this country would either be occupied by Russia and liberated by the United States or occupied by the United States and liberated by Russia."

HUNT FOR MUSSO'S TREASURE HOARD IN GRAVE

ROME, (Reuter): Police investigating into Mussolini's "treasure hoard" last night exhumed the body of Claretta Petacci, Mussolini's mistress from her grave in a Milan cemetery, according to the Milan newspaper 'Messaggero.'

It is believed they found great diamond and other jewels, the newspaper said.

Reports that diamonds were buried with the former Duce's mistress were circulating in Milan at the beginning of this month since when, a watch had been kept over the grave.

The riddle of Mussolini's treasure hoard began in April, 1945, when Partisan forces in Northern Italy closed in on the fleeing couple at Dongo, 10 miles from the Swiss frontier. The Duce and mistress were shot, and the treasure despatched to Milan under escort. It never arrived.

"FINISHING AWAY KAK GOVT."

Alleged National Conference Poster In Kashmir

SRINAGAR, April 12. (A.P.I.): Kashmir police have carried out extensive searches in Srinagar to-day and several people have been taken into custody following last night's attempt on the life of Pt Premnat Bazaz, editor daily "Hamdard", who was shot and seriously injured.

A high police officer said that yesterday morning the National Conference had issued a poster calling on their followers to be prepared for "finishing away" the Kak Government and its supporters. This was followed by last night's shooting incident, which shows that the underground leaders have planned a campaign of violence.

The Jammu and Kashmir Press Conference has passed a resolution calling upon the Government to take drastic action against those who were responsible for the attempt on Mr. Bazaz's life.

Why Amarnath Won't Play For Burnley

PATIALA, April 12 (A.P.I.): The recent communal disturbances in the Punjab, which have affected some of his most near relatives, are responsible for Capt. L. Amarnath not being able to play for Burnley Club this summer.

L. Amarnath in an interview to the Associated Press of India said that he was most anxious to play for Burnley as it would not affect his playing for India against Australia next winter but these disturbances, for certain definite reasons, had compelled him not to sail for England to honour his contract.

L. Amarnath sent an airmail letter to Mr. Riley, Chairman of the Club, sometime in the last week of March giving reasons for his inability to accept the offer of playing on behalf of the county. Mr. Riley, he added, while releasing his cable to him, did not give full text for reasons best known to him. He received an offer to play in 1948 for a Sussex county club. He said he had refused the offer on the ground that it would not be possible for him to reside in England this year to qualify to play for the country.

Teaching Of Hindustani

Question Of Scripts

In order to help Government in developing its policy regarding Hindustani a conference was held in the Council Hall, Bombay on Saturday when Mr. B G. Kher, the Premier, presided. Members of the Provincial Board of Education in Hindustani and others interested in the teaching and spread of Hindustani were invited to the conference. Dr. Rajendra Prasad also attended the conference and addressed it for a few minutes. Owing to lack of time all items in the agenda could not be considered. The items included the following:

(1) Standard of knowledge to be acquired generally in schools and training institutions in colleges; (2) the question of scripts; (3) Government action in the field of—(a) teaching of Hindustani in schools; (b) compulsion for Government servants; (c) grants to organisations (4) Supply of teachers—(a) for schools; (b) for work outside schools

There was considerable debate on the question of standard of knowledge to be acquired in Hindustani and whether or not both the Nagri and Persian scripts should be made compulsory in schools.

Mr. Kher, in closing the Conference assured it that Government would give careful consideration to the views expressed before formulating their policy.

Prof. Podar, Chairman of the Provincial Board for Education in Hindustani in moving a vote of thanks to the chair, suggested that such conference should be called more frequently

3 Dead, 6 Injured In Dakar Air Crash

LONDON April 13 (U.P.A.): Officials of the British South American Airways announced to-day that three persons were killed and six injured early this morning when a York transport bound for Rio de Janeiro crashed at Dakar, on the North African coast.

The crash of an R.A.F. Wellington bomber near Watford, England, simultaneously took the life of its British pilot, while his three-man crew parachuted to safety.

The York transport which left London Saturday morning, carried nine passengers, a crew of five and a stewardess.

Two persons were injured seriously.

Airways officials said the cause of the crash was so far not known here.

Ministry Has Full Support Of Mass Of Pathans

League Tactics In Frontier Exposed: Trouble In Calcutta Continues

LAHORE, April 13 (U.P.I.): That the situation in the Frontier Province was completely under control and in fact had never gone out of hands was emphasised by the two Ministers of the Frontier Cabinet, Qazi Attaullah Khan and Mr. Mehr Chand Ghanna, speaking to the pressmen at the Lahore aerodrome while on their way to Peshawar from Delhi today.

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan accompanied the two Ministers.

Qazi Attaullah said: "I was amused to see the report of the "Dawn" of Delhi that the Nawab of Tank had taken out a procession to restore civil liberties. It reminded me of the incident which took place a few days ago when Red Shirt volunteers wanted to hold a private meeting in Lombal in Mardan district for the purpose of some elections. About nine hundred armed Khans and their dependents came and forcibly stopped the meeting. Was it for restoration of civil liberties or the stopping of lawful and constitutional activities of others? They are actually adopting Fascist methods against the Government but why did they kill the members of the minorities? They did it to interfere with their civil liberties."

REPORTS OF EXODUS CONTRADICTED

Mr. Mehr Chand Khanna contradicted the report which had appeared in a section of the press that one-fourth of the minority population of Peshawar had left and stated that no large scale exodus had taken place. Evacuees were mostly belonging to the floating population of traders and others with their homes in the Punjab and not the real minority of the province with their homeland in the Frontier.

He stated that the trouble was localised and not widespread to any degree. The whole districts of Dera Ismail Khan and Bannu had remained peaceful. Barring one incident in the Mardan city which was due to a private quarrel and resulted in a few more stabbings the districts had been quiet. In rural areas there was a strong band of Khudai Khidmatgars who installed confidence in the minds of the minorities and the people had not migrated in any large numbers. In the Peshawar district in three villages where the Mullah of Maki had influenced there had been murder, loot and arson.

STRENGTH OF MINORITY

Qazi Attaullah emphasised that the Ministry had the backing of 32 out of 50 seats in the Frontier Assembly and the support of an overwhelming mass of Pathans. In view of this, he said, the question of holding fresh elections did not arise.

400 HINDUS & SIKHS KILLED

Qazi Attaullah, Revenue Minister of the Frontier in the course of talks with the pressmen at Lahore today disclosed that about 400 Hindus and Sikhs were killed in the recent communal disturbances in the Frontier following the Muslim League agitation.

Funeral Of Khan Saheb

PESHAWAR, April 13 (A.P.I.): Muslim Leaguers organised a procession with a mock funeral of Doctor Khan Sahib this morning in Peshawar city. The police used tear gas and lath i charge twice to disperse the procession. Two persons were injured.

Twenty persons were arrested.

ONE PERSON SHOT

One person was fatally shot on the Grand Trunk Road outside the city, as he was arriving from his village early today. He died within an hour.

Amritsar Reported Quite

AMRITSAR, April 13 (A.P.A.): The Superintendent of Police, Amritsar, said today: "All is quiet in the city," adding nothing happened during the night and there have been only two stabbing cases today.

The Superintendent said casualties total 21 dead and 60 injured. Twenty-three persons have been arrested for arson and stabbing and stone throwing under the Punjab Public Safety Act since Friday's flare-up.

Military and police are patrolling the city. At one place the police are reported to have opened fire last night to stop people yelling slogans. None was injured.

Forty persons were arrested yesterday and fined by the Additional District Magistrate for defiance of the curfew.

Section 144 In Agra

AGRA, April 13 (A.P.I.): No incident has been reported since Friday. Section 144 has been promulgated prohibiting the assembly of five or more persons.

Another Peaceful Day In Benares

BENARES, April 13 (A.P.I.): Another day passed off peacefully in Benares. There has been no serious incident since Thursday.

The curfew however was reimposed at 5 p.m. It will end at 9 A.M.

COLLECTIVE FINE

A fine of Rs. 317,000 has been imposed by the District Magistrate on the city of Benares.

Of this amount about 316,000 will be collected from Muslims and Rs. 1,61,000 from the Hindus and Sikhs.

YUVAK CONGRESS OFFICE RAIDED

Benares police raided the office of the Yuvak Congress and removed certain papers and other essential articles.

PEACE VOLUNTEERS

An army of peace volunteers is now trying to prevent communal troubles in Benares, this force, which is being raised by the Mele Milar Committee, will be posted throughout the city. For this purpose the city has been divided into 24 wards. The Peace Volunteers are being recruited from all communities by the Peace Committee on which the Congress, the Muslim League, the Hindu Mahasabha and other important parties are co-operating.

The Peace Volunteers started their work today in some wards.

HARTAL.

The Hindu shopkeepers observed partial hartal to-day in Benares city as a protest against the alleged excesses by police in Chetganj.

Almost all the Hindu shops in Chetganj remained closed.

POLICE EXCESS AT CHETGANJ.

Mr. J. B. Rawat, Parliamentary Secretary to the Home Minister left for Lucknow this evening after completing his enquiry into public complaints of police excesses in Chetganj areas. After consultations with the district officials he went round Chetganj hearing complaints from aggrieved men and women. He was also shown doors broken and other property damaged by the police.

He advised some complainants to send their complaints to the District Magistrate.

Curfew In Bow Bazar Area

CALCUTTA, April 13 (A.P.I.): Curfew has been declared in certain areas of Bow Bazar Police Station from 5 to 9 p.m. to-morrow, following some incidents this morning.

Taken with the curfew order already imposed, the effect of this order is to place these areas under curfew for 32 hours beginning from 9 p.m. to-night.

GOVT. COMMUNIQUE.

After a more or less quiet night about 7 incidents were reported upto midday, all confined to two sections of central Calcutta, says a Bengal Government press note issued at 2-30 p.m.

The note adds: "The trouble started with a case of assault and firing by some miscreants in the Bow Bazar P. S. area.

Following this there were three more cases of assault. One case of looting and once case of rioting.

CHIEF MINISTER'S VISIT.

The Chief Minister accompanied by the Commissioner of Police immediately visited the affected localities and it was decided to bring them under a 16-hour curfew from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. to-morrow (Monday). Including the usual curfew hours. These localities falling within the jurisdiction of Bow Bazar P. S. will remain under curfew for about 32 hours from 9 p.m. to-night to 5 a.m. on April 15.

HOWRAH QUIET.

Howrah was quiet. Last night, however, there were two incidents leading to the death of one person and injuries to three persons.

TWO KILLED AND 17 INJURED.

Two persons were killed and 17 others were injured in to-day's incidents in the city, according to a bulletin issued by the Indian National Ambulance Corps at 8 p.m. to-night. The R.W.A.C. gives the figures as two killed and 4 admitted to different hospitals. The Azad Hind Ambulance service reports 16 cases of injury.

The R.W.A.C. removed 28 persons from the disturbed areas in the city while the number of such persons rescued by the I.N.A.C. is 23.

Fourteen more incidents were reported after midday says a Bengal Government press note issued at 10-30 p.m. to-day.

Thirty-four persons were arrested on the spot in connection with some of the incidents.

In addition to vigorous patrolling by police parties, extensive searches were carried out and several arrests were made. One person died and eleven were injured according to information which has been received so far.

Howrah continued to be quiet and there is nothing to report.

FIRE ARMS USED.

The use of fire arms by some hooligans in a communal incident yesterday has been reported from Beliaghata area of Calcutta.

An allegation of firing by private individuals in another area has also been made.

SWARAN SINGH IN CALCUTTA.

Sardar Swaran Singh, former Minister of the Punjab and president of the Punjab Riot Sufferers committee, is now on a visit to Calcutta.

Sardar Swaran Singh addressed two meetings to-day on the Punjab situation. He will meet Congress and Hindu Mahasabha leaders of Bengal to-morrow and will leave by air for Delhi on Tuesday.

Chinese Communists Stage Offensive

PEIPING, April 13 (U.P.A.): Chinese Communist forces in the third day of their offensive around Shichia-chuang in south-west Hopei province captured Yuansih and broke into Chengting railway station, according to press reports issued today.

The reports also said that the China Air Transport Corps offices, personnel and dependents were evacuated from Shi-chia-chuang after shells had hit the airfield, railway office and hospital buildings.

In the meantime, reports from Nanking said that Nationalist forces had driven a wedge between Communist units in north and west Yenan.

Chinese Demand Return Of Power Plant

NANKING, April 12. (U.P.A.): Chinese authorities in Manchuria sent a note to the Soviet Commander in North Korea demanding that the Russian-controlled Shuifeng power plant resume service to the Chinese town of Antung, according to a Central News Agency report to-day.

The note is also said to have requested a meeting with Korean representatives in Antung on April 14 to discuss ownership of the power plant.

LONDON, April 13 (Reuter): London dockers decided against striking in support of their Glasgow colleagues at a meeting addressed by union officials today.

INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS

Exchange Of Diplomatic Missions At Embassy Level Announced

NEW DELHI, April 13 (A.P.A.): India and Russia are to have diplomatic relations.

A 'Communique' issued today by the External Affairs Department of the Government of India, which is headed by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, stated:

"Being desirous of maintaining and further strengthening the friendly relations existing between India and the U.S.S.R., the government of India and the Government of the U.S.S.R. have decided to exchange diplomatic missions at embassy level."

HURDLES FOR BR. LABOUR

Conscription Bill Provides Tempestuous reopening Of Parliament

LONDON, April 13. (Reuter): A series of parliamentary ordeals await the British Labour Government with the resumption of the session at Westminster on Tuesday, writes Fraser Wighton, Reuter's political correspondent.

Foremost among the challenges to the Government is the peace time Conscription issue which provided a stormy finish to the pre-Easter sittings and promises a tempestuous reopening.

Opposed in the Division lobbies by 75 of its own supporters with other supporters abstaining, Government took a quick eve-of-recess decision to amend its own Conscription Bill by reducing the proposed period of compulsory military service from 18 months to a year. On this action, it has appeased some of the critics on its own side and angered the whole of the Conservative opposition which previously had supported the Government proposals. It has also left unsatisfied those among the critics who resist Conscription in peacetime either on conscientious grounds or on political grounds that Britain's present foreign policy as they see it promotes a close alignment with America to the detriment of Anglo-Soviet relations.

"STAND BY PAKISTAN"

Jinnah Exhorts Party Members Not To Slaken In Demand

NEW DELHI, April 13 (A.P.I.): Mr. M. A. Jinnah presided over the Annual General Meeting of the Muslim League Party in the Central Legislature this evening. Besides members of the Party, League Members in the Interim Government also attended the meeting. The Party elected the following personnel for the executive for the current year Mr. Jinnah, Leader, Khwaja Nazimuddin, Deputy Leader, han Mohamed Yamin Khan, Secretary, Haji Abdul Sattar Isaq Seth, Chief Whip, Mr. Siddique Ali Khan and Mr. Ahmed Jaffer, Deputy Whips, Mr. Yusuf Haroon Jaffer, Treasurer and the Party elected the same executive Committee as last year.

It is understood the Party has appointed a Committee consisting of Mr. Haroon Jaffer, Mr. Nazimuddin and Mr. Yamin Khan to negotiate with the Government of India for a final settlement of the transference of unclaimed interest belonging to Muslims lying in the post office savings banks to a trust to be created

PAKISTAN DEMAND

Addressing the Party members Mr. Jinnah is understood to have emphasised that there should be no slackening in the Muslim demand for Pakistan. Whatever the future might hold out, he is reported to have said, the Muslim League Party should steadfastly stand by Pakistan and strive for it.

Jinnah To Confer With Provincial League Chiefs

PATNA, April 13. (U.P.I.): It is learnt that Mr. M. A. Jinnah, President of the All-India Muslim League, has invited Mr. Jaffar Imam, President of the Bihar Provincial Muslim League, to meet him in Delhi at his earliest possible convenience.

Mr. Jaffar Imam is proceeding to Delhi in a day or two.

It is learnt that the League President has issued similar invitations to Presidents of other Provincial Muslim Leagues with a view to study the political situation as obtaining in their respective provinces.

Punjab Governor For Delhi

LAHORE, April 13 (A.P.I.): Sir Evan Jenkins, Governor of the Punjab, is flying on Monday morning to Delhi to attend the conference of Governors called by the Viceroy Lord Louis Mountbatten.

It is believed the conference will remain in session for three days when matters concerning the present situation in the country and particularly the question of transference of power to Indian hands will form the subject of discussion.

Sir Evans will fly back to Lahore on Thursday morning.

MADRAS GOVT. DOES IT

MADRAS April 12. (A.P.I.): The Madras Electric Tramways has been declared to be a "public utility service" for a period of six months under the provision of the Industrial Disputes Act, says a Government order issued to-day.

LUCKNOW, April 13 (A.P.I.): The talks between the U. P. Congress Ministry and the Muslim League opposition over the issue of joint electorate in the "Gaon Haqumat Bill" which is under discussion in the U. P. Legislative Assembly are understood to have broken down.

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose saluting the Tricolour: One of the exhibits at the I.N.A. Exhibition at Parsi Colony, Dadar.

SARAM BEATS KAPINAPATHY

Finals In Ceylon Tennis Championship Contest

NEWAR ELIYA, April 13. (A.P.I.): F. J. De Saram won the Ceylon Tennis championship singles beating the present holders, B. R. Kapinapathy in three straight sets 6/2, 6/2 and 6/4 in the finals played here this morning. F. J. De Saram walked over his brother F. C. De Saram when the semi-finals match which was stopped last evening owing to bad light was resumed early to-day. Women's singles was won by Miss Sheila Roberts who defeated the Bombay Champion Mrs. Singh 3/6, 9/7, 6/4.

The Indian pair Narayan Rao and Harimohan reached finals in Men's Doubles by defeating C. I. Gunaratne and W. L. Rutnam 6/4, 6/2. The other Indian team to enter the semi-finals Kapinapathy and Kantawala were beaten by brothers F. C. De Saram and F. J. De Saram 6/3, 6/4.

The results of matches played last evening were Men's Singles semi-finals—Kapinapathy beat L. P. Earnest 6/3, 6/4. F. J. De Saram versus F. C. De Saram 6/4, 4/6, 5/5: play stopped owing to bad light.

Men's Doubles quarter finals—Kapinapathy and Kantawala beat B. L. Pinto and D. Fonseka 3/6, 6/3, 6/2 Narayanarao and Harimohan beat Muttuchmaroe and N. De Costa 6/4, 5/7, 7/5. Women's Singles semi-finals—Miss Roberts beat Mrs. D. Ge Wijewardena 7/5, 6/4. N. L. Singh beat Miss D. Fonseka 6/1, 6/1. Women's Doubles first round Mrs. J.C.F. Amer Caldera and Mrs. C. Jonkiaas beat Miss B. Aeeratne and Miss C. Fonseka 6/3, 8/6.

90 P.C. MAJORITY FOR A.F.P.F.L. IN BURMA ELECTIONS

RANGOON, April 12, (Reuter): Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League candidates were elected with overwhelming majorities in all the Rangoon constituencies in this week's Constituent Assembly elections, it was announced today.

Although the full results of the polling will not be known for some days, competent observers today forecast a 90 per cent majority for the A.F.P.F.L. in a Constituent Assembly of 210 members.

The A.F.P.F.L. is expected to have a similar majority in the Interim legislature of 100 members to be nominated by the Governor from among candidates elected to the Constituent Assembly.

The Constituent Assembly is expected to meet here early in June to frame the constitution of Independent Burma.

SANATANIST CASE BEFORE GANDHIJI

Temple Entry By Legislation Contrary To 'Ahimsa'

MADRAS April 12 (API): A Sanatanist Deputation from Madras will shortly meet Mahatma Gandhi to represent to him the views held by Sanatanists that temple entry by legislation was contrary to the creed of Ahimsa.'

A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the Sanatanists held at Conjeevaram on Thursday last.

The deputation will also present the Sanatanist case to the Constituent Assembly and meet members of the Congress High Command.

TIME FOR DECISION HAS COME

NEW DELHI, April 12 (A.P.I.): "The time has now come when the Majlis-i-Ahrar should declare its political objective—whether they stand for Pakistan or United India", says Maulana Habib-ur-Rehman, former President of the All-India Majlis-i-Ahrar.

"Today," the statement adds, "the political objective has only two meanings. It is either Pakistan or United India. It is the duty of all those organisations or individuals who favour Pakistan to join the Muslim League or follow the Congress or the Jamiat-ul-Ulema Hind if they stand for United India.

These are the only two courses open to the Muslims, there is no third course. They should either choose Mr. Jinnah or Maulana Abul Kalam Azad as their leader.

I want to tell the Ahrar workers to make a definite decision in the meeting of their General Council to be held at Lahore on April 19-20, whether they wish to follow the Muslim League or the Congress or the Jamiat."

Curfew May Be Extended In Delhi

NEW DELHI, April 13 (UPI): Curfew in Delhi City which expires on April 14 is likely to be extended by one week in view of the continued tension and panic in certain localities.

4 KILLED IN LAND DISPUTE

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, April 12: The first scuffle over the recently passed and much criticised Land Mortgages Bill occurred at Kot Darawahan (Taluka Rohri) where old owners of particular land tried to take possession from the present owners, resulting in free fight between them, as a result of which four persons were killed and a number of other persons sustained injuries.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS FOR INDIA INSTITUTE

NEW YORK, April 13. (U.P.A.): William Phillips, retired diplomat, was elected President of the India Institute-newly formed division of the Asia Institute. Phillips was Personal Representative of Roosevelt at New Delhi in 1942 and later Political Adviser to General Eisenhower in 1944.

Death Of Egyptian Senate Leaders

CAIRO, April 13. (U.P.A.): Sabri Abu Alam Pasha, Secretary General of the Wafd Party and Senate opposition leader, died to-day.

Rudolf Hoess To Hang On Tuesday

LONDON, April 13 (Reuter): Rudolf Hoess, who admitted gassing 2,000,000 people on Himmler's orders, will be hanged on next Tuesday in block No. 11 of the Warsaw Prison, the scene of numerous executions, the Leibzig radio reported today.

Hoess governed the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp and was sentenced to death for crimes against humanity.

"FAULT OF RELATIVELY FEW PATHANS ATTRIBUTED TO WHOLE TRIBE"

Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan On Allegations Of Charging Usurious Interest And Enforcing It At Point Of Sword

NEW DELHI, April 13 (A.P.I.): On the eve of his departure for Peshawar, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan gave the following statement

"Contrary to my custom, I have been long away from the Frontier Province. I was not idle. Moreover, I did not know where the country was going. During this absence, from the Province, I have discovered that I am not a politician, I am not made for discussions, specially when they lead to wrangling. I have come to see also, that I am best working for, and among 'Khudai Khitmatgars." It was a matter of great pleasure for me to learn that they proved their worth, when at considerable risk to themselves, they ran to the assistance of their Hindu and Sikh brethren in distress. Let my friends know that the best part of my absence, was given to Bihar, in endeavouring to re-establish the good relations that existed between the Hindus and Muslims, before madness seized many thoughtless Hindus, in some parts of Bihar.

This is perhaps the most critical period, in the history of our country. Violence is in the air. Many of us have ceased to be men we have become savages. The whole of my time, will be devoted in the Frontier Province, to weaning my co-religionists from savagery, whether on the Frontier, or the trans-frontier. I would like every one of them to become a full and true servant of God. Hence every ounce of my energy will be devoted to this work. Political ambition, has never been a guiding motive in my life. Ever since 1920, my one ambition has been to wean the Pathan from his reputed blood-thirstiness, and the so-called bravery associated with it.

"I know that this dangerous generalisation has been made, on utterly insufficient data. The fault of a relatively few Pathans, has been attributed to the whole tribe. The Pathan has also been accused of charging unmentionably heavy rates of interest, and enforcing them at the point of the sword, and not in a court of law.

HONEST AND GENTLE PATHANS'

I know honest and gentle Pathans, who would consider it beneath their dignity to hurt anybody, or to make money by unlawful means. I want gentleness and honesty, to be the common heritage of all Pathans, and I want every Pathan to have the highest form of bravery, which can only be obtained through the prolonged culture of truth and non-violence. I have not met a single Pathan, who has questioned the fact that the daring which the profession of arms gives, has been responsible for blood feuds, handed down from family to family, till at last families have become extinct, or the other and more degraded in fact, that such Pathans become guilty of cowering before their superiors, in wielding arms. I hope that in my attempt to wean the Pathan from these vices, I shall receive the assistance of everyone, who is a lover of the Pathan, and who would want him to become a model citizen, not merely of India, but the world.

"I have no quarrel with the Muslim League, as such, or the European official world, nor have I partiality for the Congress, as such. I prize truthfulness and non-violence wherever I find them. My ardent desire is to see the Pathans, and for the matter of that, all peoples of the world, free from domination."

"Cowardice To Quit Hindu Fold"

Jagjivan Ram Says Harijan Problem Is More Economical Than Social

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Replying to an address of welcome presented to him at the West End Cinema this morning, Hon. Mr. Jagjiwan Ram, Labour Member, Interim Government of India, deprecated the talk of Harijans leaving the Hindu fold as ridiculous.

He said: "We have been the best of Hindus for the last thousands of years. For centuries we have patiently borne all cruelties and calamities, and we have yet remained in the fold of Hinduism. This indicates we are true Hindus, and we are going to remain Hindus for all time to come."

The address was presented in a silver casket on behalf of about fifty organizations of the Province. A large number of Congress and Harijan workers including Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise, and Mr. G. D. Vartak, Minister for Local Self-Government, was present. Mr. Bhaurao Patil, the well-known Satara leader, presided.

Addressing the huge gathering the Labour Member emphasized that the Harijan problem was not social but economic in its character, because Harijans were entirely a poor community, and they were more concerned with the removal of their poverty than the eradication of untouchability.

NEED OF INDEPENDENCE FOR THE POOR

Mr. Jagjivan Ram, stressing the urgency of the present "delicate situation", said that the British had decided to quit the country in June, 1948, handing over the administration of this country to Indian hands. This had thrown a huge responsibility on our shoulders, and we shall have to solve our problems without any delay. At the same time the independence of India did not mean the replacement of a few British by a few Indians."

"India's freedom", he said, "is most necessary for the vast number of India's poor. That is why India's independence is most necessary to the Harijans."

Referring to the propaganda carried on by "interested and selfish persons" that Harijans should quit the Hindu fold to secure better life, the Labour Member said:

"It is utterly cowardly to talk of a change of religion; for a coward would be kicked wherever he would go, and the last thing we want is to be cowards."

Referring to the measures of social reform of Harijans, the Labour Member said that he did not look upon them so much as a matter of assertion of their right or uplift of Harijans. These reforms were rather an uplift of the Hindu religion itself; "I do not enter the Hindu temples to assert my right as a Hindu, but because I want to purify the God, enshrined therein, who had been cut away from their real devotees by unscrupulous men", he said.

ECONOMIC PROBLEM

He advised his community not to revive old controversies like the abolition of untouchability. The advance of science and the rapid improvements in industry which were overtaking the country will automatically abolish untouchability. The problem resolved itself into one of poverty and he, therefore, called upon the Harijan community to look for the economic amelioration of their community and to fight for better standards of living.

The time for the fight was fast coming, Mr. Jagjivan Ram said. "If we have to fight for our own demands and for our own community in the Constituent Assembly we shall not falter. But we shall fight as staunch Hindus."

He concluded: It is our duty to bring our own uplift and I am sure that we shall win our goal of establishing democracy and freedom for the exploited people of this country based on love and equality."

BLOT ON HINDU RELIGION

Call To Social Workers To Remove Untouchability

VILE PARLE, April 13.

A strong plea to remove untouchability in this country at the earliest possible moment was made by the Hon'ble Mr. Jagjivan Ram, Labour Member of the Interim Government inaugurating a Conference of social workers in the Harijan cause from various parts of Western and Central India at Andheri yesterday afternoon.

To allow this untouchability to remain in existence any further, said he, was a blot and a stigma on the Hindu religion. It was the duty of every one to remove it bag and baggage. It was a vital question to raise the social position of the untouchables, as vital as the independence of India. Many laws had been passed to improve their lot but there had been no appreciable change in the condition of the Harijans. They should co-operate with Government to implement these measures. Untouchables were as good as touchables as far as their devotion to God was concerned. To allow Harijans in temples was not uplift of Harijans but of the Hindu religion.

BEWARE OF SATYAGRAHA!

Continuing the Labour Member said that they were so long depending on Caste Hindus but history showed that they could not make any progress to improve the social status of the Harijans. He knew what difficulties were in the way of the Harijan Sevak Sangh but looking to the goal they had to reach, they must face those difficulties bravely. Mr. Jagjivan Ram did not approve the idea of resorting to Satyagraha on the part of Harijans for the redress of their grievances as it might lead to factional fights between caste Hindus and the Harijans. He would like to bring about the change by amicable settlement.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR HARIJANS

Mr. Tapase, Bombay's Minister for Backward Classes who presided over the Conference, after commending the work of the Harijan Sevak Sangh since 1932, said that the efforts of social workers had created a favourable situation and he saw a bright future for the Harijans. He was sure that this untouchability which was a blot on the Hindu religion would soon be wiped out. The Governments of provinces were also taking active steps in the matter and had resorted to legislation for the removal of social disabilities and permitting temple entry. He had no doubt that these legislative measures would have a great effect in stamping out untouchability within a short time if they were properly worked out.

Mr. Tapase pointed out that there was not a least desire on the part of Government to strain the relations between the Harijans and the Caste Hindus. Government desired that both these sections should live in peace and harmony enjoying social rights equally, for every one was a harmonious part of the State as a whole.

Earlier, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, the Chairman of the Reception Committee in welcoming the delegates, reviewed the work of the Harijan Sevak Sangh and said that many scholarships were being given to the school and college students and freeships were procured for some of them, during the last few years. The Sangh was giving financial aid to several deserving institutions and was contemplating to provide some medical and sanitary equipment in Chawls. Mrs. Munshi pointed out that Harijan uplift work should now be concentrated on the cultural and intellectual aspects rather than on purely material.

The Conference was attended by about 75 delegates from Gujerat, Deccan, Central India and Kathiawar. There was a large number of visitors who packed the hall

Cyclonic Weather Over Nilgiris

OOTACAMUND, April 13 (A.P.I.): Very severe cyclonic weather has been prevailing all over the Nilgiris for the past 24 hours with heavy wind and rain. Trees have been uprooted in many places. Traffic to Coonor was blocked this morning by a tree falling at mile No. 1. Another tree fell on a bus bound for Calicut damaging its roof. The passengers, however, escaped injury. A police constable was injured, when a tree fell near the sub-jail.

Reports from villages indicate that considerable damage has also been done to potato-fields and cattle.

The weather continues to be cyclonic.

CHINESE REDS EXECUTE AMERICANS AS SPIES

NANKING, April 12. (Reuter): Chinese unconfirmed reports said to-day that three Americans and one unidentified foreigner charged with being "Kuomintang spies" were executed by Communists on April 1, just before their withdrawal from Waoyaopu, 47 miles north of the former Communist headquarters, Yenan.

Madagascar Arrests

PARIS, April 13 (Reuter): French authorities in Antanarivo, capital of Madagascar, have arrested two Madagascar deputies and two councillors of the republic for their alleged participation in the recent agitation throughout the island, it was reported today.

'Freedom Of Worship' In Italy

LONDON, April 13 (Reuter): The Italian Constituent Assembly approved by a great majority yesterday an article of the new Italian constitution providing for freedom of worship in Italy and allowing every citizen "to make propaganda" for his religion and to perform its rites "as long as these rites are not against good manners" the Rome radio said today.

Moscow Broadcast

LONDON, April 13 (Reuter): The Soviet Union and India have arranged for exchange of diplomatic representatives of ambassadorial rank, Moscow radio said today.

The announcer added that an official statement is to be published simultaneously in Moscow and Delhi

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Role Of Indian Army In Maintaining Law & Order

No Reduction In Strength In View Of Continued Disturbances

LIGHT ON BALDEO SINGH'S TALKS WITH MAHATMA AND MOUNTBATTEN

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 13.

Defence Member Baldeo Singh has been actively engaged discussing the role of Indian Army in maintenance of Law and Order in the country during the week, I learn. Although the ultimate responsibility for enlisting military aid rests with Civil Power, the presence of adequate force in the affected or threatened areas would be to restore confidence of check disorders.

Assam has been cited as a case of threatened disorders, where sufficient defence force, so far, has had a salutary effect. This raises 'inter alia' the issue of peacetime strength of Indian Army.

According to the latest decision, Indian Army will be reduced to a little over its pre-war strength by the end of 1948. Further demobilisation plans to implement Government's latest decision at present are in a formulative stage.

One view here is that, pending final settlement of the Constitutional issue, no further reduction will be made in India's defence forces. Army, it is argued, is an integral part of Law and Order machinery and is bound to be called upon in a still larger number so long as communal unrest continues in India.

Gandhiji had long discussions with Sardar Baldeo Singh before he left for Bihar yesterday. Lord Mountbatten similarly in his informal talks with members of the Central Legislature declared last evening his determination to restore Law and Order in this country. Sardar Baldeo Singh, it appears, is in close consultations with his Cabinet colleagues and is likely to make statement outlying the role of the Army in the mantenance of peace in India.

GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE TODAY

Lord Mountbatten's political talks enter third stage when he meets provincial Governors tomorrow.

Last evening, His Excellency entertained members of Central Legislature in his beautifully lit Mughal gardens. His Excellency indicated how his mind was working 'apropos' of the Constitutional settlement. His talks with Gandhiji, Mr. Jinnah and Provincial Governors he indicated would enable him to reach decisions, say, in another six weeks' time.

Do not forget Bengal, said one Bengal M.L.A. Nor Punjab, added a Punjabee.

I will not forget either Province when I announce my decision, Lord Mountbatten was heard to say. The Union Centre plan or a Truncated Pakistan was the dominant impression members of the Central Legislature brought back from their talks with the Viceroy last evening.

40 DACCA HOUSES SEARCHED

M. K. Roy And Forward Bloc Leaders Arrested

DACCA, April 12 (A.P.I.): The police searched about 40 houses of Forward Bloc and revolutionary Socialist party workers in different parts of the city in connection with the recent clashes between supporters of the two parties resulting in one murder injuries to many others and house raids looting damage to property and assault on inmates

The police arrested Mr Manindra Kishore Roy and the Forward Bloc leaders Messrs. Kali Prosad Das Sarma and Ajit Gupta They searched for several other workers of the rival party but they could not be found The Forward Bloc office was also searched.

Students of some educational institutions today came out of their classes protesting against this 'police zoolum"

INTIMIDATION ANSWERED WITH A SMILE!

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, April 12

Khan Abdul Samad Khan, President of the Anjuman-e-Watan Baluchistan and more popularly known as the 'Baluchistan Gandhi was returning to Quetta by the mail train. When the train halted at Jacobabad station and as it was time for the Nimaz, Khan Abdul Samad came on the platform for the purpose. While he was saying his Nimaz, a number of Muslim Leaguers, who had come prepared as they had evidently known Khan Saheb's programme, started beating their drums and playing sirnais. They also abused him in most filthy language. Unperturbed by all this, Khan Saheb completed his Nimaz as usual and replied to the Leaguers with a smiling face.

A large number of people had collected by the time and were heard remarking that the very Leaguers who were objecting to the playing of bands in front of Muslids by Hindus were doing the same themselves in order to obstruct a true but Nationalist Mussalman while remembering the Almighty!

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Abid Ali Resigns Union Presidentship

Sequel To B. E. S. T. Workers' Refusal To Accept His Advice To Call Off Strike

BOMBAY, Sunday.

Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoy, President of the B.E.S.T. Workers' and Scheduled Staff's Unions submitted his resignation from the presidentship this morning at a meeting of the workers and the scheduled staff held at the Ccoperage.

Mr. Abidali's decision was consequent upon the Workers' and the scheduled staff's rejection of his sincere advice to call off the strike.

By a show of hands the audience decided to continue the strike. Not a single person was to be seen who did not raise his hand.

The meeting rather ended in confusion with the workers demanding continuance of strike under the guidance of Mr. Abidali Jafferbhoy and Mr. Abidali refusing to withdraw his resignation unless they agreed to call off the strike.

In the end, a section of the crowd constantly heckled Mr. Abidali that if he had decided to call off the strike after three weeks, why did he resort to it and why did he put forward claims that he would persist in not calling off the strike even for three months.

Explaining the situation, Mr. Abidali said that he had come to the conclusion that to carry on the strike beyond this stage would be dangerous for the workers and that the sacrifices that they were prepared to undergo by continuing the strike would not be commensurate with the gains that might accrue to them. He did not want to deceive the workers and therefore had offered his sincere and honest advice. He was prepared to undergo any sacrifice for their sake. But his sacrifice would not do them any good. Fire would not be opened upon him. He would be at the most arrested and put in jail. But during the period of his imprisonment who would be responsible for those workers who would be dismissed by the management. It would be difficult to get them reinstated.

PLEA FOR CONTINUANCE OF STRIKE

Speakers who followed Mr. Abidali impassionately declared for the continuance of the strike and got the sanction from the crowd of continuing it.

Mr. G. G. Mehta, Secretary of the Unions promised his unflinching support to the cause of the workers and said that he would stand by them through thick and thin. He added that the post of the President would be kept vacant and when the strike was called off and a settlement was reached with the management, the services of Mr. Abidali would be availed of again.

After the meeting was over Mr. Abidali told pressmen that his decision was final and there could be no going back on it unless, workers decided to call off the strike.

11 ARRESTS FOLLOW BOMB THROWING IN CALCUTTA

CALCUTTA, April 13, (UPI): Four incidents were reported in Calcutta yesterday from different parts of the city. One man was removed to hospital with gun shot injuries and there were two other cases of stabbing.

A bomb was thrown on the thoroughfare in Central Calcutta following which there was stone-throwing.

About eleven persons were arrested in this connection.

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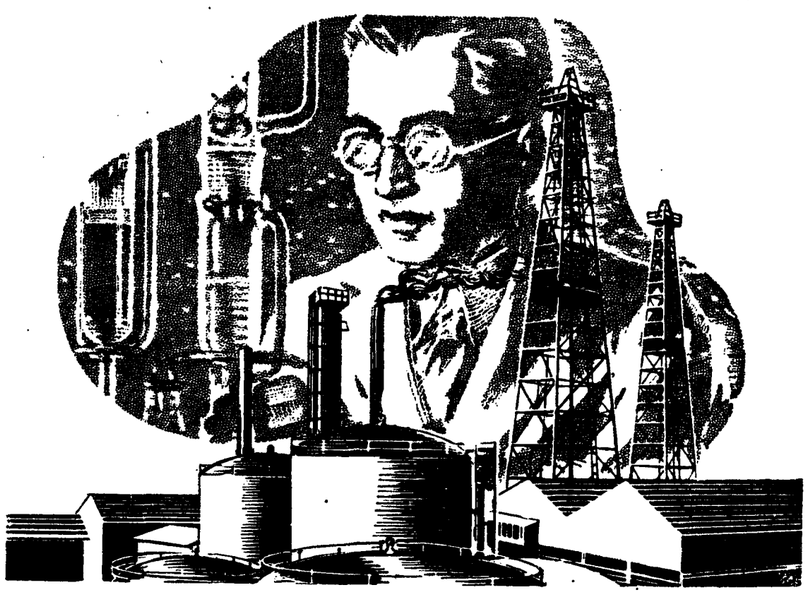

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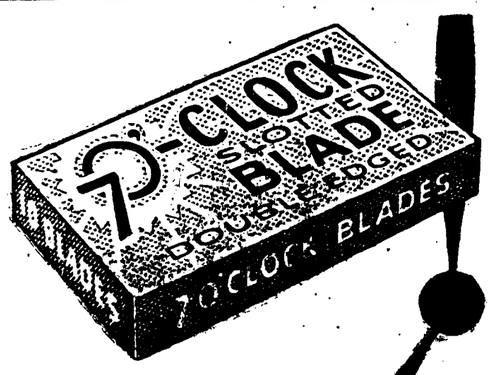

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MOSCOW DEADLOCK OVER FR. DEMAND FOR RUHR

Treaty Without Reparations Would Be Like Man Without Heart, Says Vyshinsky

MOSCOW, April 12 (Reuter): The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, M. Vyshinsky, declared today that a "treaty without reparations would be like a man without heart", during a Press Conference about German Peace Treaty discussions at the Foreign Ministers' Conference in Moscow.

Correspondents' questions centred mainly on reparations but did not produce any new Soviet opinions or forecasts. M. Vyshinsky either parried the questions or repeated known Soviet arguments.

When the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister said that Britain and the United States had obtained coal and steel as reparations from Germany, one correspondent cited a statement by Mr. Ernest Bevin that Britain had not received any coal from Germany in reparations, that for every single ton of German coal exported, the money received had been used to buy imports for the British occupation zone. He asked M. Vyshinsky whether he was aware of the statement and if so what his motive was in making these charges.

DEADLOCK OVER GERMAN FRONTIERS

MOSCOW, April 12 (Reuter).—The Council of Foreign Ministers ended their meetings this week still faced with a close deadlock, cables Sylvain Mangeot, Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

All that has happened since then is that the unresolved deadlock over the report from the Berlin Control Council has given way to a deadlock over frontiers of Germany.

The only measure of agreement reached in three days debate on boundaries is on the general principle that Allied territorial claims against Germany should be referred to the Ministers' deputies and farmed out to expert committees for factual study. Russia, however, is adamant that Polish frontiers be excluded on the ground that they were irrevocably fixed at Potsdam which the three Western Allies interpret as only provisional on this point.

A second major point of cleavage centres on France's demand for an immediate decision to incorporate the Saar in the French economic orbit and M. Molotov's demand that the Ruhr be placed immediately under Four-Power Control.

It now emerges clearly that M. Molotov is withholding consent to France's Saar claim as a bargaining weapon in exchange for acceptance of his efforts to get a Russian say in the control of Ruhr industry.

KEY DECISION

While few observers believe that they will find a compromise on the general question of economic unity during the Moscow session of the Council, some feel that they will at least try to reach a decision in principle on the level of German industry.

This is considered to be a key decision, if any constructive directives to the Allied Control Council are to emerge from the Mocow Session, which would enable the Allied executive authorities in Berlin to continue working on the Four-Power basis.

The British view is strongly that unless an agreement in principle on the level of industry is reached, it will prevent the speed-up in the deliveries of Capital Reparations from the Western Zones in which everyone including Russia, is interested.

LAND REFORM IN GERMANY

Foreign Ministers Come To Agreement At Moscow

MOSCOW, April 13, (APA): Agreements were reached by the Foreign Ministers last night to carry out land reform in Germany by the end of 1947, that all fortifications in Germany be destroyed by 31st December 1948 and that war factories in category one be liquidated by 30th June 1948.

The Foreign Ministers were unable to resolve the fundamental differences on whether main Governmental powers are to be given to State Governments or the Central Government.

During the discussion on an American proposal that all Governments which declared war on Germany attend the peace conference with equal rights, V. M. Molotov expressed "surprise" that "such countries as Paraguay and Turkey be included on the same basis as the Big Four."

No agreement was reached on who should participate in the peace conference as the Soviet Union opposed the United States proposal.

INDIA MAY BUY WHEAT IN OPEN MARKET

NEW DELHI, April 12 (API): Sir Datar Singh, Government of India delegate to the International Wheat Conference who is now in India is flying back to London on April 13 arriving there on the 15th. It is understood that Sir Datar has had several conferences with the Government of India on questions of quantity and price of wheat as well as the duration of the agreement.

The Conference will resume in London on April 14 after ten days' adjournment. It is learnt that if the terms of the agreement are not favourable to India the Indian delegation will explore the possibilities of having a separate agreement with the exporting countries, failing which India will buy wheat in the open market because she must secure at least a million and half tons of wheat in the first year of the agreement.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 4th April:

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
CAPITAL:—	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,17,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Banks, Current and other Accounts	266,44,59,000
Sundries	1,30,04,000
Total Rs.	279,54,63,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	138,97,00,000
Other Authorised Investments	5,79,72,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	36,38,89,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	45,83,45,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	15,13,99,000
Dead Stock	1,58,51,000
Sundries	1,82,41,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India and with the Central Treasury in Rangoon	31,41,02,000
Balances with other Banks	2,59,64,000
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Deposits, Debts due to Banks and Agents, Bills Payable, etc.		1,21,43,30,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments		27,28,46,000
Total Rs.		1,54,51,90,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Cash Credit and Overdrafts on Government and other Authorised Securities	47,92,26,000
Loans on Government and other Authorised Securities	8,02,81,000
Bills Discounted	5,60,41,000
Lands & Buildings	99,28,000
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	22,41,05,000
Cash in hand, at Banks, Moneys at Call and Investments in War Bonds, Government Paper, Treasury Bills, Shares, Debentures, etc.	68,56,07,000
Total Rs.	1,54,51,90,000

CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO BAN SILVER TRANSACTIONS.

NANKING, April 11, (U. P. A.): The Chinese Financial Ministry plans shortly to announce new regulations banning transactions in silver, it was learned today. The plan includes an order that all persons should yield their silver holdings to the Government.

Silver was nationalized in 1935. Since the Government clamped the official ceiling price on gold bullion, there has been an increasingly active silver market in China.

MUSLIM LEAGUE IN BRITAIN RENAMED

Jinnah's Directive

LONDON, April 12, (Reuter): The Working Committee of the Muslim League of Great Britain met in London this afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. Ali Mohammed.

The most important question discussed was the renaming of the League under the direction of Mr. Jinnah. The Committee decided to abide by his direction to call the body "The Muslim League of Great Britain" in future and not "The All-India Muslim League of Great Britain."

A Committee of Action was formed with nine members to report to the Working Committee from time to time on the proper functioning of all branches of the League in Great Britain and also to improve propaganda for the Muslim cause in this country.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 12

May	34.48
July	32.50
October	29.46
December	28.67
January	28.37
March	28.30
Middling Spot	35.21

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.
New York, April 12.

May	34.28
July	32.37
October	29.35
December	28.54
March (bid)	28.15
Middling Spot	34.30

American Telephone & Telegraph	165-1/8
Amerex Holding Co.	30
Anaconda Copper Mining	37-7/8
Chase National Bank	33-1/4
Sinclair Oil	[illegible]
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	53-1/4
General Electric Co.	34-3/8
General Motors	56-1/8
Ingersoll Rand	116
International Nickel	31-1/8
National City Bank of New York	37-1/4
New York Central Rail Road Co.	15-7/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	[illegible]
Texas Corporation	58
Union Carbon & Carbide	87
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	44
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	66-3/4
Western Union Telegraph	18-5/8

U. S. Dollar Buys Less Except In Stock Market Of America

NEW YORK, (U. P. A.): The American dollar now buys less almost everywhere except in the stock market says a well-known broker analyst, writes Emer C. Walzer, United Press of America Financial Editor.

He believes stocks are cheaper than almost anything else money can buy.

The dollar has been shrinking in many ways, but in terms of other currencies it is the top ranking money of the whole world.

Incidentally, Wall Street is worrying over what's going to happen to some one-time famous currencies, notably the pound sterling.

As for the cheapness of stocks, Bears will tell you they aren't cheap if there's a prospect of getting them at lower prices later on. They think you can.

The Bulls are equally vociferous in holding that the market has seen its lows for the move and that the next turn will be toward higher levels.

Meantime, Wall Street is in the poverty zone. With daily transactions what they are the Wall Street houses as a whole cannot make ends meet. And now they are having additional troubles with higher wages and salaries being paid and in some instances to come.

This brings up the subject of increased commission rates.

The Association of Stock Exchange Firms is petitioning for an increase in commission. It would base the commission on the value of the transaction rather than on the number of shares as present rules call for.

There is a big opposition to a rise in commissions. This opposition is headed by the biggest brokerage house in the United States—Merrill Lynch, Pierrce, Fenner and Beane.

This firm stated it "strongly opposes any change in the Stock Exchange commission schedule that would increase the total cost to the public of doing business with the brokerage community."

GOLD FOR BOMBAY

NEW YORK, April 12, (UPA): A Trans-world Airlines plane left here today with one million dollars (approximately 33 lakhs rupees) worth of gold bullion and coins aboard.

The shipment includes one box coins worth half a million dollars being sent from Mexico to Bombay and five cases of gold bars as well as five kegs of gold from American banks to banks in Cairo, Beirut and Calcutta.

NEW YORK SILVER REVIEW.

NEW YORK, April 11, (U. P. A.): With supply and demand almost in perfect balance, the silver market had a quiet week without even a minor flurry which small deals by London created in the previous week. The price remained unchanged all along the week as supply and demand dipped and rose in harmony. Trade sources doubted whether India's resumption of free dealings in bullion would affect the New York market and pointed out that the ban had been occasioned only by the delayed arrival of 8,000 bars from London. They said that the only question involved was whether further silver would arrive before licenses presently outstanding expire. They were unable to explain London's absence in the New York market this week or whether London had finished its purchase programme here or whether the Easter holidays caused the quietness.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, April 12.

May 2.57 to 2.57-1/2.
July 2.17-1/4 to 2.17.
September 2.11-1/4 to 2.11.
December 2.09-1/4 to 2.09.

CHICAGO WHEAT ACTIVE AND ERRATIC.

CHICAGO, April 11, (U. P. A.): Active trading and erratic prices featured today's session of the Chicago Commodity Exchange. Prices reacted sharply after rising 10 cents—the full daily limit. Government report indicating another record crop this year was off-setting the fact that farm stocks on April 1st were smallest in nine years.

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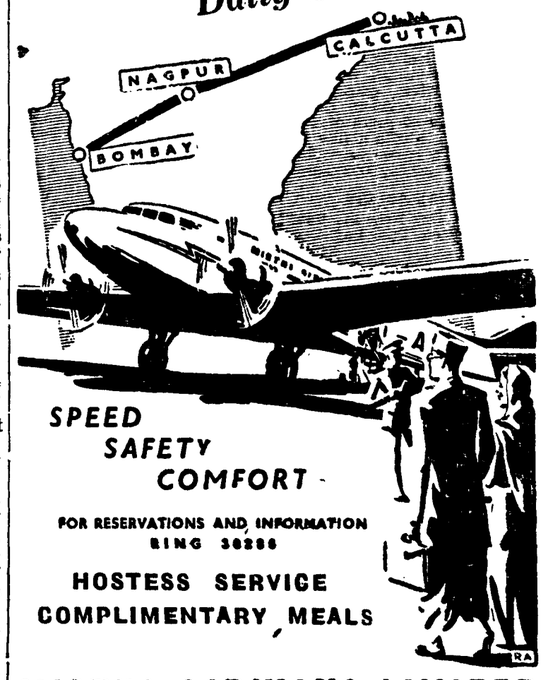

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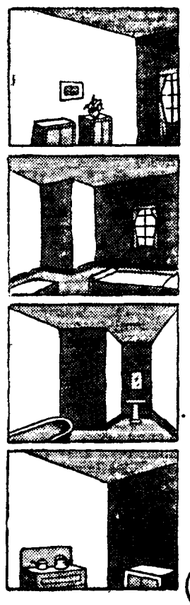

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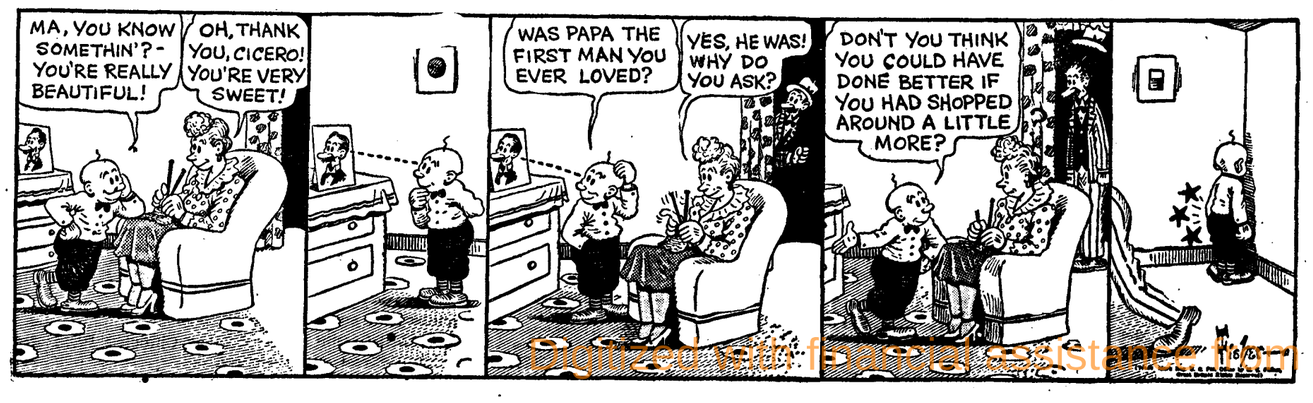
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Victims of recent Kalina robbery case young couple being discharged from hospital badly need accommodation Bombay or Suburbs. Will kindly persons oblige? Communicate Mrs. Mahopatra, C/o Chandrakavi, "Srikunj", Vile Parle (East). (5534)

SITUATIONS VACANT.

Wanted experienced motor mechanic, capable of doing independent work. Very good salary to the right man. Apply Federal Motors, Hughes Road, Bombay. (2981)

Wanted 15 clerks and 2 typists. For terms apply Box 5572, 'Bombay Chronicle'.

Wanted Immediately for a decent gentleman A Lady Companion or a Girl of good physiques to look after domestic purposes for complete full time with good remuneration. (orphan preferable). Also one Decent Aya. Apply sharp to Box No. 5532, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted immediately for Mofussil, a smart Stenographer. Apply stating age, qualifications, speed in short-hand and typewriting, previous experience, caste. Salary Rs. 90 p.m. plus Dearness allowance, whole time service, with boarding and lodging. Single man would be given preference. Those who are willing on this condition should apply Box No. 2944, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted a Civil Engineer (B.E. of an Indian University) as **Assistant Chief Officer, for the City Municipality,** Bhavnagar. One with experience of Roads Construction and Building Supervision will be preferred. Pay Rs. 150-25-250 plus Rs. 30|- D.A. and Rs. 30,- conveyance allowance. Starting pay is liable to negotiation. Apply with testimonials, stating age, nationality and native place before 20th April to the President, City Municipality, Bhavnagar. (2868)

SITUATION WANTED

Wanted employment by Graduate Yard Foreman and Labour officer in Govt. Service shortly to be released. Efficient in Welfare and Control of Labour. Experienced in maintenance jobs. Apply Box No. 5537, "The Bombay Chronicle."

SOCIAL

Make Friends:—For Hobbies, Educational, Business, Professional, Social and Such Other connections. Particulars from: The Universal League of Introduction, 5, Hamam St., Fort, Bombay. (5415)

ACCOMMODATION ADLETS

Accommodation for married couples only. Apply sharp. Box No. 5425, "Bombay Chronicle."

Accommodation for only Rs. 35|-. Bus, Tram, Rly. junction near. Hurry up. Apply Box No. 5424, "Bombay Chronicle".

HOTELS (IN HILL STATION)

Mahableshwar—Ripon Hotel under new management. Vegetarian and non-vegetarian food, charges moderate superb view with pure ozon Rooms and Cottage to let without food. Also Free hold Central houses from 8 to 12 thousand for Sale. (5452)

EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

Matrics! Become Graduates (Punjab University) by 15 months' home-study. Dewan's Lanore. 5494

A Batch for Vacation—Davar's College of Commerce—Enrol immediately for all Socialisation and Professional Diploma Courses for training throughout vacation for next year's examinations. Call or write for Prospectus, 51, Esplanade Road. (5535)

Trymbak Vidyamandir, Nasik of The Birla Education Trust opens 20th June 47. Run on public school lines. Extensive grounds, spacious buildings. Healthy and temperate climate. Highly qualified staff well equipped labs, Arts and crafts, Music Gardening taught Medium of instruction Hindi. Ample provision Physical Activities and games. Admission limited to 128 students this year in classes I to V Bombay. (U.P. IV to VIII). Fees inclusive of tuition Board and Hostel Rs. 1700 per annum. Apply for detailed prospectus enclosing -/8/- in stamps to Head Master Trymbak Vidyamandir Nasik. 2977

MOTOR-DRIVING

"Motor-Driving"??? taught within two-weeks time to ladies and gents.) (Success guaranteed), by SPECIALIST. (Terms—Moderate). Apply sharp:—Box No. 5533, "Bombay Chronicle."

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

Plot of land about 5000 yards with Bungalow, chawls etc. near Gokhale Road, (South) Dadar. Very good scope for future development. Vacant possession of Bungalow. Merchant, Federal Motors, Hughes Road. (2980)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE

WANTED—A LADY PRINCIPAL with high academic qualifications and teaching and administrative experience. Salary Rs. 750/- per month with benefit of Provident Fund and free single quarters on the premises. Applications with statement of academic and other qualifications and certified copies of testimonials etc. should reach the undersigned before the 25th April, '47. On appointment the Principal will be required to sign a contract.

SIR SHRI RAM,
Chairman, Governing Body,
Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi.
2978

NOTIFICATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY
ALTERATIONS OF DATES OF EXAMINATIONS

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Syndicate have, in exercise of the powers vested in them by Ordinance 141, p. 87 of the University Handbook, 1946, fixed the following dates for the commencement of the undermentioned examinations in lieu of the dates previously fixed:—

M.Sc. Examination by Papers, (except Mathematics) for 2nd June, 1947.

LL.M. & M. Com. Examinations. 9th June, 1947.

S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
2968

AGENTS WANTED

Wanted Agents or Stockist for our Pear & Nut Buttons, The Punjab Button Mfg. Co., Dacca (Bengal). (5317)

Wanted Agents on commission basis for sale of Cash Certificates. Must produce First Class reference about character and reliability and furnish cash security of 5,000/- and Fidelity Bond for like amount. Apply Post Box 2538, G.P.O., Calcutta. 2549

ASTROLOGICAL.

Fortune-Character Revealed from your handwriting against 1|-. Graphologist, Frere Road, Sukkur. (5536)

MACHINERIES FOR SALE

For Sale One—2 Bowl Hydraulic Electrically driven Schreiner 'Fine-Line' Calender 42" wide of Mather & Platt's make. Price .. Rs. 40,000|- One—shearing & Cropping machine of Messrs. A. Monforts of latest improved construction Price Rs. 15,000|- One—Rope Washing Machine with Hexagonal Rollers type 'QY' by Messrs. Zittauer Maschinen brik, A. G. Width on face of the Hexagonal Rollers 4000 mm=13'-1-1/2" about Left hand drive when facing. Feeding end Price Rs. 8,000|-. One—Secondhand Prosperity Electric Dry Transfer-Stamping and Measuring Machine Type 'P' of A. & H. Simonett. Complete with rigging attachment and electric guiders for goods 28" to 52" single width and main driving Pulley 24" dia. Price Rs. 3,500|-. Twenty—Hand driven Reeling frames of 40 Hanks each. Motion for cross reeling and for open reeling is attached to each frame. Price Rs. 250|- each. Complete specifications on application. Write to: Box No. 2979, "Bombay Chronicle".

BUSINESS OFFERS

Available from ready stock Evaporated Full Cream Milk (liquid) of excellent quality packed in 1 lb. tins at Rs. 12/- per case of 24 tins F.O.R. Calcutta. Only wholesale orders entertained with 25 p.c. advance. Write to Suraiya Bros., 13, Clive Street, Calcutta. Telegram—Excellent. (4774)

American Matches, Cameras, Cigarettes, Pencils, Fountain Pens, Woollen, Cotton, Silk Fabrics, old Newspapers, Printing Paper, Cigarette Lighters, Toy Pistols, Swiss Watches, ready shipment, on our own Import Licenses. Interesting parties, please contact for very competitive cheap quotations, Aggarwal. P. B. 240, Lahore. 2562

For external decoration and protection of buildings, use paint-crete, the Stone-hard water-proof cement paint, imported in 12 colours. Stockists and Distributors wanted. For particulars write for folder B.B.: Eastern Agency & Direction Ltd. P.O. Box No. 222, Delhi. (5214)

MISCELLANEOUS

For Painting and Decorating Jobs Please consult Vedeers, Master Decorators, 24, Peoples' Building, Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road, Fort. 'Phone 33030. 5527

Rupees Twenty-five thousand's Insurance Policy for an investment of Rupees five hundred. For Natural Death Rupees Twenty-five thousand Accidental Death Rupees Fifty thousand. Loans will be given for Sickness, Education, Marriages, Business, for Buying or Building House. Wanted Ladies and Gentlemen everywhere to work in spare time. Daily income Rupees Hundred! Before insuring of every kind in any Company of the world. please obtain expert advice from us. Apply immediately:—Bhogilal Hiralal Shah and Company. Post Box Number 713, Bombay 1, Telegraphic Address:—"Bhogilalco" Bombay 5458

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

Carpet and Rug Weavers Co., Mirzapur. U.P. Finest designs Rs. 17|- yard. embossed 20|- (5103)

For Sale: Ready Stock of Cuttle Fish Shell and Shark Fish Wings: Apply C. Z. F. 11, Manal Street, Tuticorin. (5509)

Amountable best novelties of Horn-made animals, birds such as cranes, lions, etc. Guaranteed polish and attractive finishes at the Parlakimedi Dayalbagh Stores Ltd Parlakimedi (Ganjam Dt.) (4419)

PUBLIC NOTICES

AHMEDABAD MUNICIPAL BUS SERVICE
NOTICE

THE CHIEF OFFICER Ahmedabad Municipality invites tenders for display of advertisements on 200 Buses to be operated by the Municipality of Ahmedabad. The Schedule of advertisement panels on each Bus will be as under:

OUTER: Roof Boards:—	12' x 1½'	-	2 Nos. (Side)
	5' x 1½'	-	2 Nos. (Front and Rear)
Rear body) Outer Panel)	5' x 2½'	-	1 No. (Rear outer Panel)
INNER PANELS:	2½' x 10"	-	8 Nos. (Sides).
	2½' x 10"	-	2 Nos. (Rear).

MAIN TERMS:—

(1) The contract will be given for three years on a monopoly basis for the entire fleet only.

(2) The Tenderer must state his offer per Bus per year.

(3) The securing of advertisement and manufacturing the Boards will be the sole responsibility of the tenderer and the necessary brackets for them and the labour for fitting them will be provided free of charge by the Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service.
The General Manager will if required give all reasonable advice and guidance to the Contractor.

(4) The Contractor will have to enter into an agreement with the Chief Officer, Ahmedabad Municipality setting forth all the terms and conditions of the contract.

(5) The contractor will have to deposit in any Scheduled Bank as security 50% of the amount for one year which he will have to pay calculated on the basis of 200 buses for which the Municipality has been given permit by the Government.

(6) The records, registers, and books maintained by the A.M.T.S. shall be the only and final proof in any matter of dispute.

(7) The charges for each Bus will be calculated from the date on which it is registered and actually put on the road and due intimation of the same will be given to the Contractor.

(8) All bills must be paid by the Contractor on or before the 10th of each month failing which his contract will be cancelled and the security forfeited.

(9) The General Manager has the right to reject any advertisement without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

(10) The Ahmedabad Municipality will not have any financial responsibility directly or indirectly with the customers from whom the contractor secures the advertisement.

All tenders to be addressed to the Chief Officer, Ahmedabad Municipality, Danapitha, so as to reach him not later than 25-4-47.

For further particulars please write or see the General Manager of the Ahmedabad Municipal Transport Service, at Jamalpur Workshop, Ahmedabad. D|10-4-1947.

CHIEF OFFICER,
Ahmedabad Municipality.

JACKSON CO-OPERATIVE BANK

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of Secretary in the grade of Rs. 350-30-800 with compensatory and house allowances as admissible under the rules and dearness allowance at 17½% and Provident Fund benefits, the starting salary being dependent on qualifications and experience. Knowledge of regional languages viz. Hindi and Gujerati is essential. The appointment will be on probation for 6 months.

Age limit 35 years on 1-5-1947. The age limit will be relaxed in case of Railway employees and candidates who possess suitable qualifications and experience.

A Commerce graduate with Banking and legal knowledge and practical experience in Banking on co-operative lines will be given preference. The selected candidate will have to furnish security of Rs. 5,000|- in cash or Government paper.

Canvassing in any form by or on behalf of a candidate will disqualify him. The Railway employees may apply through the heads of their departments.

Applications giving full particulars regarding qualifications, practical experience, age, present employment and pay and details of posts held in the past and stating minimum salary required and accompanied by copies of testimonials should reach the Chairman, Jackson Co-operative Bank of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Ltd., Churchgate, Bombay, before 21-4-1947.

(2905)

ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
WANTED A MECHANIC

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for a temporary post of Second Mechanic attached to the Berry White Medical School, Dibrugarh on a scale of pay of Rs. 80-5-150/- per mensem.

It is essential that a person applying for the post must possess a thorough knowledge of the component parts of an X'Ray plant and of its operation so as to be able to undertake minor repairs himself whenever required.

Applications stating in a tabular form (1) Community, (2) Home District, (3) Age on 1st January, 1947, (4) Qualifications, (5) Previous Experience and (6) Present Occupation, if any, with copies of certificates (which will not be returned) should reach the Superintendent, Office of the Assam Public Service Commission, Shillong, on or before the 16th June, 1947.

Preference will be given to one who is either a native of, or domiciled in, Assam.

The selected candidate will have to join the post at once at his own expense.

An application fee of Rs. 5/- should be deposited into the Treasury by the candidates themselves under the Head "XXXVI-Miscellaneous Departments—Examination Fees—Receipts of the Assam Public Service Commission" and a copy of the chalan only attached to the application and no postal stamps or money orders will be accepted in lieu of the Chalan.

Candidates who have served in the Armed Forces must apply through the Deputy Director of Resettlement and Employment, Shillong or through the Employment Exchanges according to where they have registered their names.

N.B.—Attention of candidates is drawn to the Government Servants' Applications for posts (Provincial and Subordinate Services) Rules, 1944 and Government Resolution Nos. AAM 9/43/130. dated 16th June, 1944 and AAP. 74/46, dated the 3rd December, 1946. 2970

DISPOSALS

THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER (Disposals), Mercantile Chambers, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay invites offers for the purchase and removal of the following stores:—

TIMBER OF VARIOUS CATEGORIES AND SPECIES
Approximately 5213 tons
TUNNAGE TIMBER Approximately 2176 tons.

LOCATION: Govt. Timber Depots, Sewri, Wadala, Reay Road and Govt. Timber Depot and Saw Mills, Ghorpuri (Poona) and Sea Transport Timber at Sewri.

SUPERSCRIBE TENDER REFERENCE: No. RCS/271/MMH due on 25-4-47.

OFFERS TO REMAIN OPEN UPTO: 25-5-47.

Permits for inspection and further particulars can be obtained direct from this office.

Rates per ton of each of the species and categories of timber and/or stocks at each Depot may be stated.

Sales will be subject to the standard condition of Contract in Form Con. 117.

(2916)

MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH

IT HAS BEEN DECIDED to award five scholarships in the form of loans to Muslim students for the study of the following subjects in foreign countries. The University will arrange for their admission and passage:

1. Mathematics
2. Bio-Chemistry
3. Physical Chemistry
4. Economics
5. Botany with special reference to mycology.

Those who have obtained M.A. or M.Sc. degree from any Indian University or who are lecturers in any University in India will be eligible for these scholarships. Selection will be made by a special committee appointed by the Academic Council of the University. Those selected will be required to give guarantee that they would serve the University for a period of not less than three years on return.

Applications with full details should be addressed to the Registrar, Muslim University, Aligarh. (2860)

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER, G.I.P. Railway, Bombay, invites tenders up to 15.00 hours on WEDNESDAY, 30th April, 1947, for Reconditioning of Kidney rail fastenings by welding and Machining. The form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer, G.I.P. Railway, Victoria Terminus, Bombay, on payment of Rs. 2|- per set which sum will not be refunded.

Tenders will be opened at 15.10 hours on Wednesday 30th April, 1947.

(2937)

THE INDIA UNITED MILLS, LIMITED.
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of The India United Mills, Limited will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 2nd May, 1947, to FRIDAY, the 30th May, 1947, both days inclusive.

The Dividend if sanctioned will be paid to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register of the Company on the 2nd May, 1947

Bombay, 11th April, 1947.
By Order of the Board,
AGARWAL & CO.
Agents. 2974

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from British subjects or subjects of Indian States of Indian domicile for temporary appointment to the undermentioned posts in the Staff Training Centre under the Directorate General of Resettlement and Employment, Department of Labour. Two posts of Senior Lecturers (Class I, General Central Service). Pay Rs. 450-25-750. Qualifications required are a first or second class degree of a recognised Indian University or equivalent degree of a foreign University with at least 3 years experience in Lecturing or teaching in a first Class educational Institution or training College. Preference will be given to those with literary ability and experience. Age preferably below 40 years. One post is unreserved and the other is reserved for a Muslim. One post of Junior Lecturer (Class II, General Central Service). Pay Rs. 300-15-405. Qualifications required are a good degree of a recognsied Indian University. Degree or Diploma in teaching and teaching experience will be an additional qualification. Preference will be given to those with literary ability and experience. Age preferably below 35 years. The post is reserved for a Muslim. Scale of pay of the posts which are temporary and non-pensionable, are provisional and subject to revision in the light of the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission. Selected candidates will be given the minimum of the scale of the posts for which appointed, and will be entitled to receive the usual dearness allowance admissible. Persons already in permanent pensionable Government service will be allowed to retain their pensionary status. Appointments made will be on a temporary basis pending recruitment through the Federal Public Service Commission. Candidates wishing to be considered for regular appointments to the posts must also apply to the Commission when the posts in question are advertised. If suitably qualified candidates from the communities for which the posts have been reserved are not available, the posts may be treated as unreserved. Applicants should give detailed particulars of their age, educational qualifications, experience, service record, languages known and their Province|State of domicile. Applications accompanied by attested copies of necessary certificates and testimonials, should be sent to the Manager, Central Employment Exchange, Gurdwara Road, New Delhi, to arrive not later than the 30th April, 1947. Candidates may be called to New Delhi for interview at their own expense. (2964)

APPENDIX

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for filling immediately the post of an Editor of the bilingual quarterly Journal in Persian and English of the Indo-Iranian Cultural Committee, New Delhi. Good knowledge of modern Persian essential. Command of English for translating and experience of editorial work desirable. Applications giving full particulars of academic and other qualifications, experience, the names of two referees and the salary acceptable, should reach the Secretary, Indo-Iranian Cultural Committee Department of Education, Government of India, New Delhi. not later than April 25th, 1947. 2891

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. AMBALAL ZAVERBHAI PATEL, of Bombay Hindu, has contracted to sell to our client free from all encumbrances the property situate at Tardeo Road, Bombay, and described in the Schedule hereunder written, which he has contracted to purchase from Messrs. Gokuldas Kasalchand Maniar and Haridas Kasalchand Maniar the present owners thereof.

All persons having any claim or interest of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to communicate the same to the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof.

SCHEDULE

All that piece or parcel of Leasehold land or ground with the messuages tenements or dwelling house standing thereon situate lying and being on the West side of Tardeo Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 5679 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 301, New No. 2044, Old Survey No. 75. New Survey No. 7092, Cadastral Survey No. 778 of Malabar Hill Division and in the books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward No 3761-(11A), 3761(1B), 3761(1C), 3761-(1D), 3761(1E) and Street Nos. 48, 46A, 46C and 46B, Tardeo Road and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the East by Tardeo Road, on or towards the West by land acquired by the Collector of Bombay, on behalf of Government, on or towards the North by the property belonging to the estate of Nawroji Jehangir Gamadia and on or towards the South by the property of Haji Abdulla Miya Khandwani.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1947.

SABNIS GOREGAOKER & SANJIT
Purchaser's Attorneys
11, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay. (2983)

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the re-caning of OFFICE and STATION FURNITURE which should be submitted to the Dy. Chief Transportation Superintendent, "Signals & Telegraphs", Victoria Terminus Annexe, before 24-4-47. Full particulars may be obtained from the Officer-in-Charge, Transportation Workshops, G.I.P. Railway, Parel Road, Byculla. 2962

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
NOTICE.

DY. CITY ENGINEER invites tenders for the supply of about 1,20,000 Nos. of sett stones for paving for the year 1947-48 which will be received upto 1 P.M. (B.T.) on Wednesday the 23rd April, 1947.

Forms of tenders, specifications etc. will be issued on payment of Re. 1 (One) only for each copy to any one deputed to receive them by the Dy. City Engineer (Works Branch) who will on application give any further information that may be required.

Forms of tenders etc. will not be supplied by Post.

By order of the
Municipal Commissioner.
Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay,
12th April, 1947. 2971

NOTICE
INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for recruitment of Temporary Clerks in 'B' and 'C' Grades, in the unified scales of pay of Rs. 80-5-100-10-120 and Rs. 55-5-80 respectively plus usual dearness and other allowances admissible as in force from time to time, from candidates belonging to or domiciled in Northern, Central, Southern (Commissioner) Revenue Division (including British States Agencies) or Bombay City as well as from candidates belonging to Madras Postal Circle and who are between the ages of 19 and 25 years on the date of appointment and who have at least passed the Matriculation Examination or its equivalent.

Applications written in candidate's own handwriting accompanied with (i) a copy of Matriculation Certificate, (ii) copy of certificate of domicile from a duly authorised Magistrate or Justice of Peace or other local competent authority and (ii) two copies of certificates showing character and conduct from the Head of the School, College or Institution where the applicant studied last stating address. Date of Birth. Educational qualification and Revenue Division or District in which domiciled should reach the undersigned on or before 20th April 1947.

The sons and daughters of Post and Telegraphs employees serving in Bombay Revenue Division are exempted from production of domicile certificate provided a certificate from the employers concerned is produced.

V. P. KRISHNASWAMI.
Controller of Telegraph Stores,
Sewri, Bombay

Dated at Bombay,
the 10th April, 1947. 2960

ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
WANTED RADIOGRAPHERS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for three permanent posts of Radiographers, each for the Sylhet, Tezpur and Gauhati Civil Hospitals on a scale of pay of Rs. 80-5-150/- per mensem.

It is essential that persons applying for these posts must, besides being able to do washing and printing X'Ray films, possess a thorough knowledge of the component parts of an X'Ray plant and of its operation so as to be able to undertake minor repairs whenever required.

Applications stating in a tabular form (1) community, (2) home district, (3) age on the 1st January, 1947 (4) qualifications (5) previous experience and (6) present occupation, if any, with copies of certificates (which will not be returned) should reach the Superintendent, office of the Assam Public Service Commission, Shillong on or before the 16th June, 1947.

Preference will be given to those who are either natives, of or domiciled in Assam.

The selected candidates will have to join the posts at once at their own expense.

An application fee of Rs. 5/- should be deposited into the Treasury by the candidates themselves under the head "XXXVI—Miscellaneous Departments—Examination Fees—Receipts of the Assam Public Service Commission" and a copy of chalan only attached to the application and no postal stamps or money orders will be accepted in lieu of the chalan.

Candidates who have served in the Armed Forces must apply through the Deputy Director of Resettlement & Employment, Assam, Shillong or through the Employment Exchanges according to where they have registered their names.

N.B.—Attention of candidates is drawn to the Government Servants' Applications for Posts (Provincial and Subordinate Services) Rules 1944, and Government Resolution Numbers AAM 9/43/130 dated 16th June. 1944 and AAP. 74/46 dated the 3rd December. 1946. 2969

PUBLIC NOTICES

SIR J. J. SCHOOL OF ART, BOMBAY.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of TEACHER OF WOOD CARVING CLASS, Reay Art Workshops, in the scale of pay of Rs. 60-4-100-4-160 plus dearness allowance admissible.

QUALIFICATIONS:

(1) Candidates must not be more than 30 years of age on the date of appointment;

(2) He must know joinery, carving different kinds of woods and ivory and the use of the lathe;

(3) He also must know thoroughly how to produce carved articles of utility and of artistic value, have an extensive knowledge of traditional work and combination of ornamental designs in wooden jali work and complete knowledge of different kinds of woods such as ebony, sandalwood, blackwood, etc.; and

(4) must have passed at least the fifth standard either in Marathi or Gujarati and the Intermediate Drawing Grade Examination, and also possess a working knowledge of Hindustani.

Candidates with approved war service will be given preference.

The selected candidate shall be on probation for one year.

Applications stating experience, qualifications, age, present employment, if any, and enclosing copies of certificates and testimonials, must reach the undersigned on or before 15th May 1947.

V. S. ADURKAR.
Director.

Sir J. J. School of Art.
Bombay, 11th April, 1947. 2963

ASSAM PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
WANTED COMPUTORS

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates irrespective of the Province of origin for three posts of Temporary Computors for the office of the Chief Engineer, Assam, in the scale of Rs. 125-5-225/- p.m.

The minimum qualifications required is that of a passed Upper Subordinate from a recognised school of Engineering. Preference will be given to those who have experience of work in Drawing Offices and who are natives of or domiciled in the province provided such candidates are available.

Applications stating (1) Qualification, (2) Age on the 1st January, 1947, (3) Experience, (4) Home district, (5) Community, and (6) Present occupation, if any, in a tabular form together with copies of testimonials (which will not be returned) should reach the Superintendent, office of the Assam Public Service Commission, Shillong not later than the 7th May, 1947.

The selected candidates will have to join immediately on appointment and their services will be terminable on one month's notice on either side.

An application fee of Rs. 5/- should be credited into the Treasury by the candidates themselves under the head "XXXVI—Miscellaneous Departments—Examination Fees—Receipts of the Assam Public Service Commission" and the chalan therefor only attached to the application. Such fee will not be refunded under any circumstances whatsoever and no postal stamps or money orders will be accepted in lieu of the Treasury chalan.

Canvassing either directly or indirectly will disqualify a candidate.

N.B.—Attention of candidates who are in Government Service is drawn to the Government Servants' Applications for Posts (Provincial and Subordinate Services) Rules 1944, and Government Resolution Nos. AAM. 9/43/130 dated the 16th June, 1944 and AAP 74/46, dated the 3rd December, 1946.

Candidates who served in the Armed Forces must apply through the Deputy Director of Resettlement & Employment, Assam, Shillong or through the Employment Exchanges according to where they have registered their names. 2966

G. I. P. RY.

LEVEL CROSSING GATE No. 75 at Miles 70/52 between Khardi and Kasara, N. E. Section, will be CLOSED to road traffic from 7 hrs. to 13 hrs. on Monday the 14th. April. 1947. for relaying work. 2973

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.
Miscellaneous No. 23 of 1947.

In the matter of the INDIAN INSURANCE ACT IV of 1938
and
In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII of 1913
and
In the matter of the RATNAGAR PROVIDENT ASSURANCE CO. LTD.

The Superintendent of Insurance ..... Petitioner.

By an order made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, dated the 11th day of April 1947, on the Petition of the abovenamed Petitioner, it was ordered that the abovenamed Company be wound up and the Court Liquidator be appointed the Official Liquidator of the abovenamed Company.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1947.

D. P. SETHNA.
Solicitor to the Central Government at Bombay.
Solicitor for the Petitioner. 2967

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